

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- We can still plant carrots, broccoli, spinach, lettuce, turnips, beets, Swiss chard, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, English peas, and cauliflower in the winter garden and now onion plants are available. Prepare the soil with 2 inches of compost and 10 cups of slow-release lawn fertilizer per 100 sq. ft. of bed. Plant the onions 4 inches apart and harvest every other one for green onions before mid-March.
- Keep your poinsettia well-watered and out of cold or hot drafts. Avoid blasts of direct sunlight but the color can last for 4 months if it has access to bright, non-direct light.
- Consider a “Living Christmas Tree” that can be planted in the landscape after it finishes its service as a decorated tree for the Holidays. Deodora cedar, Arizona cypress, Aleppo pine, Italian stone pine, and Japanese black pine all are suitable.
- Let your leaves decompose on the lawn to return nutrients and organic material to the grass. Mow the leaves to speed up decomposition. Leaves can also be used for mulch or in the compost pile.