

Express News Tasks

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- The winter blooming plants such as cyclamen, primula, and pansies that are sensitive to winter warm spells can be planted now. Use pansies in the sun and primulas and cyclamen in the shade.
- Spinach transplants can be placed in the garden now. Prepare the soil with 2 inches of compost and 10 cups of slow release lawn fertilizer for every 100 sq. ft of bed. Space spinach transplants 6 to 12 inches apart in the row in full sun.
- Fertilize the lawn with “winterizer” fertilizer with a 3-1-2 ratio (18-6-12 works well)
- Slugs and snail populations have expanded with the wet cool weather. They feed on foliage such as lettuce, cabbage, pansies, primula, and other low growing leafy plants. Control slugs and snails with slug and snail bait or beer traps.