

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- It is prime time to plant your winter vegetable garden. Prepare the soil by incorporating 2 inches of compost into the planting area. Also enrich the soil with 10 cups of slow-release lawn fertilizer per 100 sq. ft. of bed. Plant broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, chard, kale, and Brussels sprouts with transplants. Use seeds for carrots, beets, radishes, turnips, and lettuce.
- The fall tomatoes should be setting fruit. Support their production with side dressing with a “winterizer” fertilizer.
- Zinnias and other summer annuals will continue to bloom but the winter annuals such as snapdragons, dianthus, stocks, calendula, and petunias can also be planted.
- Fertilize the lawn to prepare it to tolerate winter cold and to prepare the grass for a green-up next spring.