

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- It is still a good time to plant broccoli, chard, cabbage, and onion transplants in the vegetable garden. Plant English peas, lettuce, radishes, carrots, and turnip by seed.
- Collect all the stems and branches that were blown down from your shade trees in the big winds after the freezes but you can just mow the leaves. They will decompose to provide organic material to the lawn. The mowing also keeps the winter weeds in check. The mowed rescue grass and horseherb can make an attractive winter lawn.
- Don't forget the birds. Feeders with sunflower or mixed seed will attract the seed eaters. Attract the insect eaters like wrens, kinglets, orange-crowned warblers and woodpeckers with suet. Water in a bird bath is important to all species and will bring them in for easy observation.
- If you received forced paperwhites for a holiday gift, transplant them into the shrub border after the bloom ends. They will return and bloom every year at this time of the winter, are drought tolerant, pest-free, and deer proof.