

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- It is time to plant onions in the vegetable garden. Prepare the soil by applying 5 cups of lawn fertilizer such as 19-5-9 or 18-6-12 for every 50-sq. ft. of bed. Plant the transplants every 3 inches in the row and then you can thin them to 6 inches apart. Use the thinned plants as green onions.
- As soon as possible after Christmas plant your live holiday tree at its permanent spot in the landscape. Allow at least 30 feet between large trees for best development. Water the newly planted tree generously and cover the root system with mulch.
- Harvest the broccoli heads before they go to bloom so that the side shoot crop will be produced. Harvest up to one-third of the foliage of spinach, kale, chard, collards and other greens from producing plants for season long production.
- As the weather has become colder the birds will appreciate the seed and suet you provide. The American goldfinches will arrive soon. Attract them for observation with Niger thistle seed provided in a tube feeder especially designed for the purpose.