

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Plant pansies, stock, dianthus, alyssum, snapdragons, sweet peas, and ornamental kale in the sun for winter color. In the shade plant cyclamen and primula.
- Use dormant oil on fruit trees and pecans to control scale and hiding mites and insects. Apply according to the label instructions when the temperature will be above 45 degrees for 2 days in a row.
- If your roses are showing rogue thorny stem growth, witches brooms, deformed foliage and quit blooming two months ago, they may be infected with rose rosette disease, RRD. The plants needed to be discarded to stop the virus from spreading. Visit plantanswers.com for more information.
- This is an excellent time to plant trees and shrubs. The plants have time to develop a root system before they must face the heat of summer.