

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Use the stems and leaves you remove from freeze-killed plants to begin a new or fill up an established compost pile. The smaller you can cut the woody stems and other parts, the faster the compost will make. Use leaves from the lawn as well in the pile. To increase the nitrogen levels and speed up decomposition spread a few cups of lawn fertilizer in the mix.
- Plant onion, broccoli, chard, cabbage, and other greens by transplant in the vegetable garden. Lettuce, carrots, turnips, radishes, potatoes, and English peas can still be planted for a spring crop.
- The naturalized larkspur are sprouting in the garden now. Leave a row or two where they won't overwhelm your other cool-weather annuals and cull the rest. They will even grow over the top of Rocket snapdragons. They can be transplanted to other gardens or vacant lots to naturalize.
- Cool weather annuals that are purchased from the nursery now will bloom into May, so it is a good investment in addressing the dreary brown freeze killed landscape. Plant sweet peas by seed to supplement snapdragons, stocks, dianthus, alyssum, cyclamen, and primula plants in full bloom.