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- Consider the points mentioned in the gardening article and assess the damage that occurred in your landscape from the 23-degree freeze to review your plans and materials available for the next freeze that occurs. Most nurseries have supplies of covering materials (Insulate, Plankets) and hardware stores or feed stores have heat sources (mechanics lights, poultry heat lamps) available so you can be ready for the next freeze.
- Replace summer flowering plants with cool weather annuals such as snapdragons, stocks, sweet peas, dianthus, ornamental kale, calendula, cyclamen, primula, and pansies.
- It is time to plant spinach in the winter vegetable garden. Use transplants. Plant English peas by seed soaked in water overnight. Use available tomato cages for trellises.
- If you remove freeze-killed tomatoes, okra, and peppers from the garden and the roots show symptoms of nematodes (white lumps and limited feeder roots) cut the roots off and discard them in the garbage so they won't infect another garden, the top of the plants can be placed in the compost pile.