## **Express News Gardening Tasks**

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•	Pansies are a good choice for winter blooms in full sun for the winter. They are blooming when
	you plant them, and they bloom over a long season until May. Use the related violas for small
	containers and other settings where smaller flowers are more suitable.

- Spray peaches and other plants infested by scale insects with horticultural oil. It suffocates the sucking insects that are under the calcium covers. The oil should be applied in a period where temps will stay above 45 degrees for two days.
- It is time to plant spinach in the vegetable garden. Plant onion transplants in December. Select from red, yellow, and white onions. Harvest onions in the row for green onions while a plant every 6 inches matures a large bulb in April or May.
- Utilize the leaves from deciduous trees as mulch in the shrub border or as raw material in the compost pile. It is also environmentally appropriate to let the leaves decompose on the lawn. Mow the leaves to speed the decomposition.