

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Be alert to holes in the foliage of broccoli, cabbage, and other greens. If the holes appear it usually means the plants are infested with cabbage loopers. They grow fast and eat a lot so spray them quickly with a Bt product such as Safer Bio Worm Killer, Thuricide, or Dipel. Spray the Bt on the foliage where the loopers are feeding.
- If you have peaches and plum trees it is time to spray a copper hydroxide product such as Kocide on them to reduce bacterial problems in the next growing season. Follow label instructions.
- If you did not fertilize your roses for the fall spurt of growth and blooms or you did it over a month ago, do it now. Winterizer or slow release lawn fertilizer work well. Apply about one cup per plant spread under the drip line.
- The timing is right to plant pansies, violas, cyclamen, plumeria, and spinach now. They are all sensitive to early fall hot spells. Plant cyclamen and plumeria for shade color. Pansies and violas do best in full sun. Plant spinach for nutritional greens.