

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Prepare for cold weather by moving bougainvillea, hibiscus, and other tropical plants to freeze proof shelter. Have sheets, Plankets, or agricultural fiber ready to cover citrus, tomatoes, and cyclamen. If temps are forecast for 26 degrees or less, have a heat source ready.
- Divide iris, daylilies, Shasta daisies, German carnations, and other spring-blooming perennials to improve blooms or vigor.
- Apply a copper hydroxide product to your peaches and plums to combat bacterial diseases. Follow label instructions.
- Onion transplants are on the market now. Plant them in soil enriched with 2 inches of compost and 10 cups of lawn fertilizer per 100 sq. ft. of bed. If you wait until after mid-December to plant onions there is less chance that they will bolt (go to seed) before they reach maturity.