

Express News Garden Tasks

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- It is not too late to fertilize the lawn with “winterizer” fertilizer such as 18-06-12. The blend of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium at the 3-1-2 ratio with the nitrogen a fast release source allows the lawn to organize the nutrients for maximum cold tolerance this winter and a fast green-up in the spring.
- Plant fall and winter vegetables including broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, Brussels sprouts, collards, kale, spinach, and Swiss chard with transplants. Use seed for radishes, beets, turnips, lettuce, and carrots.
- Winter annuals for color can be planted. Snapdragons, petunia, stock, dianthus, calendula, ornamental kale, pansies, cyclamen, and primula are good choices
- It is an excellent time to plant adapted shade trees such as live oak, bur oak, cedar elm, Texas red oak, Monterrey oak, Mexican sycamore, chinquapin oak, lacey oak, and anaqua.