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Subject: Lack of blooming on Pansy

To Concerned Clientele,

The unusually cold weather in January and February of this year have had a negative impact on pansy and viola landscape plantings in the Metro Atlanta area and as far south as Macon. Even though pansies and violas are used for winter color, these plants will NOT grow or bloom if temperatures are below 45 degrees Fahrenheit. Soil temperatures below 45⁰F cause slow growth due to inability of roots to uptake nutrients from the soil. No amount of water or fertilizer can change that. Only warming temperatures can bring faster growth. Blooming is even more negatively affected by low temperatures, because the plant needs to use a lot of reserves to produce flowers. It is typical to see pansies and violas not growing or putting up blooms when extended cold weather occurs. By March 15, soil temperatures are usually on the rise, so we should see improved growth and color display. Until then, there is little that can be done.

We have close knowledge of Simply Flowers Inc. and their products and services. The staff is well-trained and experienced group of professionals, who have been dedicated to providing the highest-quality services to their clientele, and we have the highest respect for them. In fact, when one compares Simply Flowers Inc. winter color beds to a wide number of other landscape companies' recently, Simply Color beds look perfectly fine for this time of year.

Should you need more specific information regarding pansies, violas and snapdragons response to cold weather, please contact your local county agent.

Best regards,

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