



# Florida Gardening Calendar

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**April**

## Central Florida Edition

### What to Plant

**Annuals:** New varieties of coleus do well in sun or shade and provide vivid colors and patterns for months. **See:** [Bedding Plants: Selection, Establishment and Maintenance](#)

**Bulbs:** Planting early, mid, and late blooming varieties of [daylilies](#) will insure months of color from these low maintenance plants. **See:** [Bulbs for Florida](#)

**Seeds:** This is the last month to plant annual flower seeds that need to germinate before hot weather returns. **See:** [Germinating Your Own Bedding Plants for the Florida Landscape](#)

**Vegetables:** Continue planting warm season crops. Mulch well to prevent weeds and provide water if the weather has been dry. **See:** [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](#)

### What to Do

**Pests:** Monitor landscape plants weekly for aphids on tender new growth. **See:** [Aphids on Landscape Plants](#)

**Flowering Plants:** If leaves and/or flowers of gardenias and roses are damaged, thrips may be present. **See:** [Thrips on Ornamental Plants](#)

**Divide perennials and bulbs:** Divide clumps of bulbs or herbaceous perennials to expand garden beds or pass-along to friends. **See:** [Propagation of Landscape Plants](#)

**Lawn Problems:** Many lawn problems mimic insect damage. Confirm the damage is being caused by insects before applying a pesticide. **See:** [Insect Pest Management on Turfgrass](#)

**Shrubs:** Planting season is here and there are a wide variety of shrubs that can be added to the landscape now. **See:** [Selected Shrubs for Central Florida](#)

**Mulch:** Mulch conserves moisture during dry weather and minimizes weeds in landscape beds. **See:** [Mulches for the Landscape](#)

#### What to Do Every Month

- Adjust irrigation based on rainfall.
- Deadhead flowers to encourage new blooms.
- Monitor the garden for insects and disease.
- Plant trees, shrubs, and perennials and water until established.
- [Mow lawns](#) at recommended heights:
  - St. Augustine & Bahia: 3-4"
  - Centipede: 1.5-2.0"
  - Dwarf St. Augustine: 2.5"

#### UF Resources For Gardeners

- UF/IFAS County Extension Offices  
<http://www.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/>
- Gardening in a Minute  
<http://gardeninginaminute.ifas.ufl.edu/>
- Electronic Data Information Source (EDIS)  
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/>
- Florida Yards & Neighborhoods  
<http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu>
- UF/IFAS Environmental Horticulture  
<http://hort.ufl.edu/>
- Master Gardener  
<http://mastergardener.ifas.ufl.edu>
- Florida-friendly Landscaping  
<http://www.floridayards.org/>