**What to Plant**

**Annuals:** Replace declining winter annuals with varieties such as angelonia, gazania, and salvia that will provide color now and into the summer months.  
See: [Gardening with Annuals in Florida](#)

**Bulbs:** Plant caladium for a showy tropical display all summer.  
See: [Bulbs for Florida](#)

**Herbs:** In addition to their culinary value, many herbs are ornamental and attract butterflies to the garden.  
See: [Herbs in the Florida Garden](#)

**Vegetables:** Warm season crops such as cucumber, eggplant, and summer squash should be planted now for late spring harvest.  
See: [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](#)

**What to Do**

**Azaleas:** If azaleas need pruning to shape or produce a fuller plant, do it just after plants finish blooming.  
See: [Azaleas at a Glance](#)

**Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs after blooming:** Prune after the last flowers fade but before new buds set in mid to late summer.  
See: [Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs](#)

**Prune shrubs and trees when new growth begins:** The end of the dormant season is a good time to prune many trees and shrubs. Cold damaged shrubs can be pruned back to where new growth appears.  
See: [Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs](#)

**Fertilize:** palms and any other ornamentals not fertilized last month.  
See: [Fertilization and Irrigation Needs for Florida Lawns and Landscapes](#)

**Soil Test Information Sheet**

**Irrigation:** Now that dry weather is here, check sprinkler systems for efficient use of water.  
See: [How to Calibrate Your Sprinkler System](#)

**Identify and conserve beneficial insects:** Some insects should be encouraged in your yard!  
See: [Beneficial Insects](#)

**Mulch:** Mulch conserves moisture during dry weather and minimizes weeds in landscape beds. Organic mulches add nutrients to the soil.  
See: [Landscape Mulches: What are the Choices for Florida?](#)

**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"  
  - Zoysiagrass

**UF Resources For Gardeners**

- UF/IFAS Publications (EDIS)  
  [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/)
- Florida-Friendly Landscaping  
  [http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/](http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/)
- Solutions For Your Life  
  [http://solutionsforyourlife.com](http://solutionsforyourlife.com)
- **Gardening in a Minute** Radio Program  
  [http://gardeninginaminute.com](http://gardeninginaminute.com)
- Florida Master Gardener Program  
  [http://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/](http://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/)
- Living Green  
  [http://livinggreen.ifas.ufl.edu/](http://livinggreen.ifas.ufl.edu/)

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