



Florida Gardening Calendar

March

North Florida Edition

What to Plant

Annuals: Replace declining winter annuals with varieties that provide color now and into the summer months. **See:** [Bedding Plants: Selection, Establishment and Maintenance](#)

Bulbs: Plant spring and summer flowering bulbs now, in beds that have been amended with organic matter. Provide stakes as needed to support growth. **See:** [Bulbs for Florida](#)

Seeds: Bedding plants can be started from seed as soon as danger of frost is past. **See:** [Germinating Your Own Bedding Plants for the Florida Landscape](#)

Vegetables: Warm season crops should be planted now for late spring harvest. **See:** [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](#)

What to Do

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

Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs after blooming. To guard next season's blooms, begin pruning after the last flowers fade but before new buds set. **See:** [Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs](#)

Fertilize lawns. Apply a complete fertilizer after all danger of frost is past since fertilizing too early can damage the lawn. **See:** [Your Florida Lawn](#)

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

Fertilize palms, azaleas, camellias, and ornamental shrubs. Choose a fertilizer based on each plant's needs. **See:** [Fertilization and Irrigation Needs for Florida Lawns and Landscapes](#)

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

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

- Solutions For Your Life
<http://solutionsforyourlife.com>
- *Gardening in a Minute* Radio Program
<http://gardeninginaminute.com>
- UF/IFAS Publications (EDIS)
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/>
- Florida Yards & Neighborhoods
<http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu>
- UF Environmental Horticulture Dept.
<http://hort.ufl.edu/>
- Florida Master Gardener Program
<http://mastergardener.ifas.ufl.edu>
- Florida-friendly Landscaping
<http://www.floridayards.org/>

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