



Florida Gardening Calendar

Comments or suggestions?

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South Florida Edition

What to Plant

Annuals: Plant heat tolerant annuals for color that will last into fall. **See:** [Bedding Plants: Selection, Establishment and Maintenance](#)

Bulbs: Plant caladiums for a showy tropical display all summer. **See:** [Caladiums 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 should be planted now for late spring harvest. **See:** [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](#)

What to Do

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 to lawns now that they are growing again. **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](#)

Watch for the return of pests on landscape plants. Insects become more active during warm weather. **See:** [Insect Management on Landscape Plants](#)

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](#)

Examine lawns for signs of insect activity. Identify damaging insects and spot treat early to prevent widespread damage. **See:** [Insect Management in Your Florida Lawn](#)

Tropical and subtropical fruits: Add variety and interest to the landscape and table with exotic fruits. **See:** [Tropical and Subtropical Fruit Crops for the Home Landscape: Alternatives to Citrus](#)

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/>