**What to Plant**

**Bedding Plants:** Create a display of fall colors with cool season plants. Some to try are impatiens, strawflower, cape daisy, and pansy. See: Gardening with Annuals in Florida

**Bulbs:** Many bulbs like to get their start in cool weather. Bulbs to plant this month include amaryllis, crinum, and the many varieties of elephant’s ear. See: Bulbs for Florida

**Herbs:** Continue planting herbs from seeds or plants. A wide variety of herbs like cooler, dryer weather, including cilantro, dill, fennel, parsley, sage, and thyme. See: Herbs in the Florida Garden

**Vegetables:** Continue planting cool season crops such as beet, broccoli, cabbage, carrot, kale, and lettuce. See: Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide

**What to Do**

**Perennials:** Divide and replant overgrown perennials, ornamental grasses, and bulbs now so that they establish before the coolest weather arrives. See: Propagation of Landscape Plants

**Fungal disease:** Until May, watch for brown patch and large patch, fungal diseases that cause areas of grass to turn brown. Since treatment is difficult, prevention with proper cultural practices is key. See: Brown Patch

**Scale on ornamental plants:** Now that temperatures are lower, use dormant oil sprays to control scale insects. See: Scale Insects and Mealybugs on Ornamental Plants

**Irrigation:** Plants need less supplemental watering in cooler weather. Turn off systems and water only if needed. See: Water Efficiently Fertilization and Irrigation Needs of Florida Lawns and Landscapes

**Poinsettias:** Watch for hornworms on poinsettias planted in the landscape. This pest can quickly defoliate a plant; handpick or treat only the area infested. See: Poinsettias at a Glance

**Lawns:** This is a great time to plant ryegrass to cover bare patches in the lawn. See: Your Florida Lawn

**Comments or suggestions?**

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**UF Resources For Gardeners**

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