



Florida Gardening Calendar

Comments or suggestions?
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South Florida Edition

What to Plant

Bedding Plants: Summer annuals to plant now include celosia, coleus, torenia, and ornamental pepper. **See:** [Gardening with Annuals in Florida](#)

Bulbs: Butterfly lily and gladiolus are bulbs that can be planted during the middle of summer. **See:** [Bulbs for Florida](#)

Vegetables: Start seeds now to transplant later into the fall vegetable garden. **See:** [Starting the Garden with Transplants](#)

Herbs: While summer is too hot to start herbs from seeds, many will do well if started from small plants. **See:** [Herbs in the Florida Garden](#)

Palms: Continue planting palms while the rainy season is in full swing. Support large palms with braces for 6-8 months after planting. Nails should not be driven directly into a palm trunk. **See:** [Ornamental Palms for South Florida](#)
[Transplanting Palms in the Landscape](#)

What to Do

Trees: Prepare for hurricane season by checking trees for damaged or weak branches and prune if needed. Hire an ISA certified arborist. **See:** [International Society of Arboriculture](#) [Pruning Young Trees](#) [Pruning Mature Trees](#)

Lawn insects: Lawn pests can be a problem this time of year. Before treating, make sure an insect is the culprit and treat only the affected area. **See:** [Insect Management in Your Florida Lawn](#)

Solarize the vegetable garden. Use summer's heat to prepare the vegetable garden soil for fall planting. It takes four to six weeks to kill weeds, disease and nematodes, so start now. **See:** [Introduction to Soil Solarization](#)

Irrigation: An inexpensive rain shut off device can save money by overriding an irrigation system when it rains. If one is already installed, check that it is operating properly. **See:** [Residential Irrigation System Rainfall Irrigation Shutoff Devices](#)

Pests on Ornamental Plants: Small white dots or stippling on the leaves of azaleas and other ornamental plants may indicate lacebugs at work. Spraying forcefully with water helps control this pest. **See:** [Lacebugs on Ornamental Plants](#)

Tropical Fruit Trees: Check for damage to fruit or leaves; take action to minimize the damage on developing fruit or the overall health of the tree. **See:** [Citrus Problems in the Home Landscape](#) [Pesticides Registered for Tropical Fruit Crops in 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/>
- 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://gardeninginsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/>
- Living Green
<http://livinggreen.ifas.ufl.edu/>