



Florida Gardening Calendar

Comments or suggestions?
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North Florida Edition

What to Plant

Annuals: Dianthus and other cool-season annuals will continue to flourish. Consider planting warm season annuals such as angelonia, wax begonia, and zinnia at the end of the month. **See:** [Gardening with Annuals in Florida](#)

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

Herbs: When temperatures warm, consider growing edible [ginger](#). Plant a rhizome in well drained soil in full to part sun. **See:** [Herbs in the Florida Garden](#)

Vegetables: Plant warm season crops, such as bean, tomato, squash, and corn early in the month for late spring harvest. Protect from frost. **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 at a Glance](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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

Fertilize palms, azaleas, camellias, and other ornamental shrubs if needed. Choose a fertilizer that has at least 30% of its nitrogen as slow release. **See:** [Fertilization and Irrigation Needs for Florida Lawns and Landscapes](#)

Irrigation: Now is the time to check sprinkler systems for issues such as broken heads or inefficient spray patterns. **See:** [How to Calibrate Your Sprinkler System](#)

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 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/>