



Florida Gardening Calendar

Comments or suggestions?
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Central Florida Edition

What to Plant

Annuals: New varieties of coleus do well in sun or shade and provide vivid colors and patterns for months. **See:** [Gardening with Annuals in Florida](#)

Bulbs: Planting early-, mid-, and late-blooming varieties of [daylily](#) will insure months of color from these low maintenance plants. **See:** [Bulbs for Florida](#)

Herbs: Add nasturtiums to your herb garden. The leaves and flowers add a peppery zest to salads. **See:** [Nasturtium, Garden - Tropaeolum majus L.](#)

Vegetables: Continue planting warm season crops such as bean, cantaloupe, and okra. Mulch well to prevent weeds, and provide water if the weather has been dry. **See:** [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](#)

What to Do

Pests: Monitor landscape plants weekly for aphids on tender new growth. **See:** [Insects Sheet 2 Landscape Integrated Pest Management](#)

Flowering Plants: Check for thrips if leaves and/or flowers of gardenias and roses are damaged. **See:** [Insects Sheet 1](#)

Divide perennials and bulbs: Divide clumps of bulbs, ornamental grasses, or herbaceous perennials to expand or rejuvenate garden beds or to pass-along to friends. **See:** [Propagation of Landscape Plants](#) [Perennial Gardening in Florida](#)

Lawn Problems: Many lawn problems, such as lack of water, mimic insect damage. Confirm the damage is being caused by insects before applying a pesticide. **See:** [Insect Pest Management on Turfgrass](#)

Shrubs: Choose from a wide variety of shrubs to add to the landscape now. **See:** [Florida-Friendly Landscaping Guide to Plant Selection and Landscape Design](#) [Planting Shrubs in the Florida Landscape](#)

Lawns: Apply fertilizer after new growth has started. Choose a fertilizer (not a "weed and feed") with little or no phosphorus unless a soil test indicates the need for it. A fertilizer with controlled-release nitrogen yields longer-lasting results.

See: [Your Florida Lawn](#) [Bahia grass for Florida Lawns](#)
[Bermudagrass for Florida Lawns](#) [Centipedegrass for Florida Lawns](#)
[St. Augustinegrass for Florida Lawns](#) [Zoysiagrass for Florida Lawns](#)

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/>