



# Florida Gardening Calendar

Comments or suggestions?

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**August**

## Central Florida Edition

### What to Plant

**Bedding Plants:** The hottest days of summer limit planting now to heat tolerant coleus, kalanchoe, and vinca. **See:** [Gardening with Annuals in Florida](#)

**Bulbs:** Aztec lily, butterfly lily, walking iris, and spider lily can be planted any time of the year, even late summer. **See:** [Bulbs for Florida](#)

**Herbs:** Herbs that can be planted from plants (not seeds) include bay laurel, ginger, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary. **See:** [Herbs in the Florida Garden](#)

**Vegetables:** Many cool-season crops such as collards and onion can be planted now, including a final crop of warm-season vegetables, such as pepper. Tomato can also be planted for the fall garden. **See:** [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](#)

### What to Do

**Lawns:** Apply controlled-release nitrogen to St. Augustine and Zoysia lawns this month. **See:** [General Recommendations for Fertilization of Turfgrass on Florida Soils](#)

**Palms:** Check older fronds for yellowing as it may indicate a deficiency of magnesium or potassium. Apply an appropriate palm fertilizer. **See:** [Magnesium Deficiency in Palms](#)

**Vegetables:** If not done in July, solarize the vegetable garden in preparation for fall planting. **See:** [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](#)

**Poinsettias:** Pinch back Poinsettias and Mums before the end of the month to allow time for buds to form for winter bloom. **See:** [Poinsettias at a Glance](#)

**Ornamental Plants:** Rapid growth and leaching rains may result in nutrient deficiencies in some plants. Fertilize those plants that show signs of deficiencies. **See:** [Fertilization and Irrigation Needs for Florida Lawns and Landscapes](#)

**Bedding Plants:** Remove spent blooms, cut back, and fertilize flowering annuals and perennials to extend the bloom season into the fall months. **See:** [Gardening with Annuals in Florida](#) [Gardening with Perennials 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://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/>
- Living Green  
<http://livinggreen.ifas.ufl.edu/>