



# Florida Gardening Calendar

## Comments or suggestions?

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# January

## Central Florida Edition

### What to Plant

**Bedding Plants:** Plants that can be added to the garden during the coolest months include dianthus, pansy, petunia, viola, and snapdragon. **See:** [Gardening with Annuals in Florida](#)

**Bulbs:** Crinum, agapanthus, and gloriosa lily bulbs can be planted now. Provide a layer of mulch for protection from cold temperatures. **See:** [Bulbs for Florida](#)

**Camellias:** Select and plant camellias this month. Visit local nurseries now for the best selection of colors and forms. **See:** [Camellias at a Glance](#)

**Vegetables:** Continue planting cool season crops including beet, cabbage, turnip, lettuce, potato, and broccoli. **See:** [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](#)

### What to Do

**Deciduous fruit:** Now is the time to plant deciduous fruit trees. This will give roots time to develop before the warm and dry spring months. **See:** [Deciduous Fruit for the Home Garden in Central Florida](#)

**Cold protection:** Frost or freezes are likely this month and next. Be ready to cover tender plants to minimize damage and make sure covers extend all the way to the ground. **See:** [Cold Protection of Ornamental Plants](#)

**Irrigation:** Lawns and landscape plants are dormant and need minimal irrigation. **See:** [Fertilization and Irrigation Needs for Florida Lawns and Landscapes](#)

**Shrubs and Trees:** Prune non-spring flowering shrubs and trees this month to improve form. **See:** [Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs](#)

**Arbor Day:** Florida observes Arbor Day on the 3rd Friday of January. To celebrate, plant a tree in your yard or community. **See:** [Arbor Day Foundation - Florida](#)

**Crapemyrtle:** While crapemyrtles do not require pruning, removing seed pods, crossing branches and small twiggy growth improves the appearance and form of the plant. **See:** [Crapemyrtle in Florida](#)

**Pests:** To control scale on citrus, shrubs, camellias, and deciduous fruit trees, apply horticultural oil while plants are dormant. **See:** [Landscape Insect Pest Management](#)

#### 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://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/>
- Living Green  
<http://livinggreen.ifas.ufl.edu/>