



Florida Gardening Calendar

March

Central Florida Edition

What to Plant

Annuals: Replace declining winter annuals with varieties such as angelonia, gazania, and salvia that will provide color now and into the summer months.

See: [Gardening with Annuals in Florida](#)

Bulbs: Plant caladium for a showy tropical display all summer. **See:** [Bulbs for Florida](#)

Herbs: In addition to their culinary value, many herbs are ornamental and attract butterflies to the garden. **See:** [Herbs in the Florida Garden](#)

Vegetables: Warm season crops such as cucumber, eggplant, and summer squash should be planted now for late spring harvest.

See: [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](#)

What to Do

Azaleas: If azaleas need 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: Prune after the last flowers fade but before new buds set in mid to late summer. **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. Cold damaged shrubs can be pruned back to where new growth appears. **See:** [Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs](#)

Fertilize: palms and any other ornamentals not fertilized last month. **See:** [Fertilization and Irrigation Needs for Florida Lawns and Landscapes](#) [Soil Test Information Sheet](#) [Fertilization of Field-grown and Landscape Palms in Florida](#)

Irrigation: Now that dry weather is here, check sprinkler systems for efficient use of water. **See:** [How to Calibrate Your Sprinkler System](#)

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

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 for 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/>

Comments or suggestions?

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