



Florida Gardening Calendar

Comments or suggestions?

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North Florida Edition

What to Plant

Bedding Plants: Summer annuals to plant now include celosia, coleus, torenia and ornamental peppers. **See:** [Bedding Plants: Selection, Establishment and Maintenance](#)

Bulbs: Butterfly lily, gladiolus, and society garlic are bulbs that can be planted during the middle of summer. **See:** [Bulbs for Florida](#)

Vegetables: Watermelon, peppers, okra, southern peas, and eggplant can be planted now as long as watering is provided during dry spells. **See:** [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](#)

Palms: Continue planting palms while the rainy season is in full swing. Support large palms with braces for 6-8 months after planting. Nails should not be driven directly into a palm trunk. **See:** [Ornamental Palms for North Florida](#)

What to Do

Trees: Prepare for hurricane season by checking trees for damaged or weakened branches and prune if needed. **See:** [Pruning Trees and Shrubs](#)

Lawn insects: Lawn pests can be a problem this time of year. Before treating, find out if an insect is the culprit and treat only the affected area. **See:** [Insect Management in Your Florida Lawn](#)

Solarize the vegetable garden. Use summer heat as a tool in preparing the vegetable garden for fall planting. It takes four to six weeks to kill weeds, disease and nematodes, so start now. **See:** [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](#)

Irrigation: An inexpensive rain shut off device can save money by overriding an irrigation system when it rains. If one is already installed, check that it is operating properly. **See:** [Residential Irrigation System Rainfall Irrigation Shutoff Devices](#)

Pests on Ornamental Plants: Small white dots on the leaves of azaleas and other ornamental plants may indicate lacebugs at work. Spraying forcefully with water helps control this pest. **See:** [Lacebugs on Ornamental Plants](#)

Peach and nectarine trees: Many of the new cultivars of peaches and nectarines grow well in North Florida. Newly planted trees should be fertilized now. Apply 1/2 pound per tree of 8-8-8 fertilizer. **See:** [Peaches and Nectarines for Central and North 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"

UF Resources For Gardeners

- Solutions For Your Life
<http://solutionsforyourlife.com>
- *Gardening in a Minute* Radio Program
<http://gardeninginaminute.com>
- UF/IFAS Publications (EDIS)
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/>
- Florida Yards & Neighborhoods
<http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu>
- UF Environmental Horticulture Dept.
<http://hort.ufl.edu/>
- Florida Master Gardener Program
<http://mastergardener.ifas.ufl.edu>
- Florida-friendly Landscaping
<http://www.floridayards.org/>