



Florida Gardening Calendar

August

Central Florida Edition

What to Plant

Bedding Plants: The hottest days of summer limit planting now to heat tolerant coleus, impatiens, kalanchoe, and vinca. **See:** [Bedding Plants: Selection, Establishment and Maintenance](#)

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: This month is the start of the fall planting season with many varieties of cool and warm season crops to start now. **See:** [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](#)

What to Do

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

Palms: If older fronds are yellowing, apply magnesium sulfate (Epsom Salts) to correct the problem. **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 for Florida, Indoors and Outdoors](#)

Ornamental Plants: Rapid growth and leaching rains may result in nutrient deficiencies in some plants. Fertilize those plants that show signs of deficiencies. **See:** [Fertilizer Recommendations for Landscape Plants](#)

Bedding Plants: Remove spent blooms, cut back, and fertilize flowering annuals and perennials to extend the bloom season into the fall months. **See:** [Bedding Plants, Selection, Establishment and Maintenance](#)

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/>

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