



Florida Gardening Calendar

Comments or suggestions?

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Central Florida Edition

What to Plant

Bedding Plants: Plants that can be added to the garden during the coolest months include calendula, carnation, pansy, petunia, shasta daisy, and snapdragons.

See: [Bedding Plants: Selection, Establishment, and Maintenance](#)

Bulbs: Crinum, agapanthus, and gloriosa lily 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 in Florida](#)

Vegetables: Continue planting cool season crops including beets, cabbage, turnips, lettuce, 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 Central Florida](#)

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

Irrigation: Plants may need water if temperatures remain higher than normal and rainfall is scarce. **See:** [Conserving Water in the Home Landscape](#)

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 January 18th. To celebrate, plant a tree in your yard or community. **See:** [Arbor Day Foundation - Florida](#)

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

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

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/>