What to Plant

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

**Bulbs:** Crinum, agapanthus, and gloriosa lily can be planted now. Provide a layer of mulch for protection from cold temperatures. See: [Bulbs for Florida](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/)

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

**Vegetables:** Continue planting cool season crops including beet, cabbage, turnip, lettuce, and broccoli. Try sugar snap peas as well. See: [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/)

What to Do

**Deciduous fruit:** Planting deciduous fruit trees now gives their roots time to develop before the warm, dry spring months. This is also a good time to prune and fertilize existing trees. See: [Deciduous Fruit for North Florida](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/)

**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](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/)

**Irrigation:** Plants may need water if temperatures remain higher than normal and rainfall is scarce. See: [Fertilization and Irrigation Needs for Florida Lawns and Landscapes](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/)

**Shrubs and Trees:** Prune non-spring flowering shrubs and trees this month to improve form. See: [Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/)

**Arbor Day:** Florida observes Arbor Day on the third Friday of January. To celebrate, plant a tree in your yard or community. Consider a hurricane resistant tree such as live oak, bald cypress, cabbage palm, or crapemyrtle. See: [Arbor Day Foundation - Florida](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/)

**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](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/)

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

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://gardening.solutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/
- Living Green http://livinggreen.ifas.ufl.edu/