



Florida Gardening Calendar

Comments or suggestions?

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South Florida Edition

What to Plant

Bedding Plants: Create a display of fall colors with cool season plants. Some to try are asters, strawflowers, and pansies. **See:** [Bedding Plants: Selection, Establishment and Maintenance](#)

Bulbs: Many bulbs like to get their start in cool weather. Bulbs to plant this month include amaryllis, crinum, and the many varieties of elephant ear. **See:** [Bulbs for Florida](#)

Herbs: Continue planting herbs from seeds or plants. A wide variety of herbs like cooler, dryer weather, including basil, dill, fennel, parsley, sage, and thyme. **See:** [Herbs in the Florida Garden](#)

Vegetables: Continue planting cool season crops such as beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, kale, and lettuce. **See:** [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](#)

What to Do

Perennials: Divide and replant overgrown perennials and bulbs now so that they establish before the coolest weather arrives. **See:** [Propagation of Landscape Plants](#)

Fungal disease: Watch for brown patch, a fungal disease that causes areas of grass to turn brown, then yellow. Since treatment is difficult, prevention is key. **See:** [Brown Patch](#)

Scale on ornamental plants: Now that temperatures are lower, use dormant oil sprays to control scale insects. **See:** [Scale Insects and Mealybugs on Ornamental Plants](#)

Irrigation: Plants need less supplemental watering in cooler weather. Turn off systems and water only if needed. **See:** [Living Green](#)

Poinsettias: Watch for hornworms on poinsettias planted in the landscape. This pest can quickly defoliate the plant; handpick or treat only the area infested. **See:** [Poinsettias for Florida](#)

Lawns: Apply a complete fertilizer to Bermudagrass, St. Augustine, and Zoysia lawns this month. This is the last fertilization of the year. **See:** [General Recommendations for Fertilization of Turfgrasses on Florida Soils](#)

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/>