



# Florida Gardening Calendar

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**July**

## South Florida Edition

### What to Plant

**Bedding Plants:** Summer annuals to plant now include celosia, coleus, torenia, and ornamental pepper. **See:** [Gardening with Annuals in Florida](#)

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

**Vegetables:** Start seeds now to transplant later into the fall vegetable garden. **See:** [Starting the Garden with Transplants](#)

**Herbs:** While summer is too hot to start herbs from seeds, many will do well if started from small plants. **See:** [Herbs in the Florida Garden](#)

**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 South Florida](#)  
[Transplanting Palms in the Landscape](#)

### What to Do

**Trees:** Prepare for hurricane season by checking trees for damaged or weak branches and prune if needed. Hire an ISA certified arborist. **See:** [International Society of Arboriculture](#) [Pruning Young Trees](#) [Pruning Mature Trees](#)

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

**Solarize the vegetable garden.** Use summer's heat to prepare the vegetable garden soil for fall planting. It takes four to six weeks to kill weeds, disease and nematodes, so start now. **See:** [Introduction to Soil Solarization](#)

**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 or stippling 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](#)

**Tropical Fruit Trees:** Check for damage to fruit or leaves; take action to minimize the damage on developing fruit or the overall health of the tree. **See:** [Citrus Problems in the Home Landscape](#) [Pesticides Registered for Tropical Fruit Crops in 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"
  - [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://gardeninginsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/>
- Living Green  
<http://livinggreen.ifas.ufl.edu/>