

What to Plant

Bedding Plants: Since temperatures can drop to freezing this month, new additions to the garden must be able to withstand cold. Plants that can take a chill include dianthus, pansies, and Dusty Miller. **See:** [Annuals for Florida](#)

Bulbs: Many bulbs can be planted now. Provide adequate water to establish and protect from cold weather with mulch. Some to try are dahlias, crinum, and agapanthus. **See:** [Bulbs for Florida](#)

Azaleas: With azaleas in full bloom this month, now is a great time to select varieties to add to the landscape. **See:** [Azaleas for Florida](#)

Vegetables: Begin planting warm season crops this month. Cucumbers, peppers, and tomatoes can be started while temperatures are cool. Start as transplants indoors or provide protection outdoors. **See:** [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](#)

What to Do

Cold damage to Palms: If cold weather has damaged palms, proper care may prevent loss of the palm and encourage recovery. **See:** [Treating Cold Damaged Palms](#)

Citrus: Now is a good time to check citrus trees for scab disease. Apply a copper fungicide when new leaves appear and again when 2/3 of the flower blossoms have fallen. **See:** [Citrus Problems in the Home Landscape](#)

Prune Roses: Roses should be pruned this month to remove damaged canes and improve the overall form. After pruning, fertilize and apply a fresh layer of mulch. Blooming will begin eight to nine weeks after pruning. **See:** [Growing Roses in Florida](#)

Shrubs: Now is the time to fertilize shrubs. Spread fertilizer evenly over the soil surface and water in. Follow with a fresh layer of mulch, which will conserve moisture and reduce weeds. **See:** [Fertilizer Recommendations for Landscape Plants](#)

Lawn Weeds: Apply a pre-emergent weed killer to lawns this month to prevent germination of warm season weed seeds. Timing is important for good control. **See:** [Your Florida Lawn](#)

Fertilize Citrus: If not done in January, fertilize citrus now. Frequency and amount of fertilization depends on the age of the tree. **See:** [Your Florida Dooryard Citrus Guide](#)