

10 Tips for Each Season of Florida Gardening

Sometimes it's hard to know where to start in the yard. These forty tips should get you well on your way to a personal paradise.

Checklist for your fall garden:

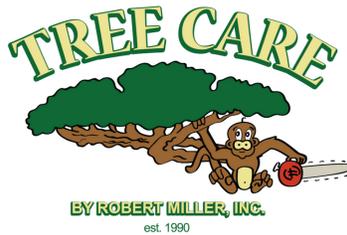
- Remove warm weather annuals
- Replant flower beds with annuals that do well in the cooler temperatures such as [foxglove](#), [petunias](#), [hollyhocks](#), [alyssum](#), [verbena](#), [zinnias](#), and more
- Separate and replant perennials
- Move your garden plot

OR

- Make sure to remove all plants from your garden, including roots, and till the soil
- Plant broccoli, collards, kale, and lettuce
- Begin an outdoor herb garden
- Reduce your watering as the weather cools
- If fertilizing your lawn, do so in October after the summer rain storms have passed
- Plant strawberries

Projects for your winter garden:

- Prune non-spring flowering trees and deciduous fruit trees
- Plant new deciduous fruit trees
- Fertilize citrus trees
- Treat palms for any cold damage
- Prune, fertilize, and re-mulch roses
- Plant cold hardy annuals and bulbs such as snapdragons, petunias, and amaryllis
- Transition your vegetable garden into cold weather vegetables such as cabbage, carrots, potatoes, and cauliflower



- Plant and choose new camellias in January
- Start your seedlings for your spring garden in February
- Choose new azaleas in February

Begin fresh in the spring:

- Prune azaleas after the flowers fade
- Prune flowering shrubs before new buds set
- Remove winter annuals and replace with begonias, coleus, moss roses, and impatiens
- Begin a pollinator garden with native plants
- Begin your spring vegetable garden with squash, beans, sweet corn, tomatoes, watermelon, and peppers
- Plant basil and rosemary
- Mulch flower and garden beds
- Fertilize palms, azaleas, and camellias
- Choose and plant gardenias and prune existing plants
- Begin preparing for hurricane season

Lean into the heat with your summer garden:

- Plant ornamental peppers and spider, aztec and butterfly lilies
- You can plant gladiolus until about mid-summer
- Transition your garden into southern staples like okra, southern peas, and sweet potatoes
- Plant Halloween pumpkins in July
- Transplant heat-tolerant herbs into the garden, but don't try to plant from seeds at this stage
- Use soil solarization practices for a healthy garden plot
- Check irrigation systems for leaks
- Install a rain detector to turn off sprinklers
- Plant palms
- Monitor for storms and prepare your yard accordingly.