What to Do

Lawn problems: Continue to monitor the lawn for signs of insect damage. Fall armyworms, chinch bugs, mole crickets, and sod webworms are still active this month.

Divide perennials and bulbs: Divide and replant perennials and bulbs that have grown too large or need rejuvenation. Add organic matter to new planting areas and monitor water needs during establishment.

Fertilize lawns: Fertilize Bermudagrass with slow or timed-release nitrogen this month. Wait until next month to fertilize St. Augustine and Bahia lawns.

Check irrigation system: Before summer rains taper off, check that irrigation systems are providing good coverage and operating properly.

Citrus: Fertilize citrus with a balanced fertilizer either this month or in October. If the weather has been rainy, do not use soluble nitrogen as rains will leach it from the soil too quickly.

Vegetable gardens: If not done in August, prepare the fall vegetable garden. Using transplants from your local garden center will get the garden off to a fast start, but seeds provide a wider variety from which to

What to Plant

Bedding Plants: If summer beds need refreshing, try ageratum, celosia, zinnias, and wax begonias for color into fall.

Bulbs: Add color, texture and pattern to the garden with the many varieties of Elephant's Ears (Alocasia) available now.

Herbs: Plant herbs that tolerate the warm temperatures of early fall, such as Mexican tarragon, mints, rosemary, and basil.

Vegetables: Start the fall planting season now. Plant cool season vegetable crops such as celery, cabbage, lettuce, and collards. Call for your: Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide

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