**What to Do**

**Lawn weeds:** The time to control winter weeds in lawns is before they appear. Pre-emergent herbicides must be applied at the right time to be effective.  
**Ask for publication:** *Insect Management in Your Florida Lawn*

**Fertilize ornamental trees and shrubs:** This is the last month of the year to fertilize plants that aren’t performing as desired. Slow or timed-release fertilizer provides nutrients over a longer period of time.  
**Ask for publication:** *Fertilization and Irrigation Needs for Florida Lawns and Landscapes*

**Fertilize lawns:** Fertilize Bahia and St. Augustine lawns with a complete fertilizer. This is the last fertilization for these lawn types for the year.  
**Ask for publication:** *General Recommendations for Fertilization of Turfgrass on Florida Soils*

**Strawberries:** Prepare beds and set strawberry plants this month. Strawberries also make a colorful and tasty container planting. Either way provide daily watering until plants are established.  
**Ask for publication:** *Strawberries in the Florida Garden*

**Winter landscapes:** Evergreen hollies and their bright berries add color to the landscape when other plants have died back for the winter. Water well when planting and mulch to minimize weeds.  
**Ask for publication:** *Hollies in Florida*

**Twig girdlers:** Small branches falling from oak and hickory trees may be the work of twig girdlers. To control, clean up and destroy fallen branches, which may harbor young twig girdlers.  
**Ask for publication:** *Insect Borers of Trees and Shrubs*

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**What to Plant**

**Bedding Plants:** Even though temperatures are still warm, begin planting for the cooler months ahead. Digitalis (foxglove), petunias, and Shasta Daisy are good plants for the fall garden.  
**Ask for publication:** *Bedding Plants: Selection, Establishment and Maintenance*

**Bulbs:** Plant Agapanthus, Zephyranthes, and many varieties of lilies now for blooms next spring or summer. Add organic matter to the planting hole for best results.  
**Ask for publication:** *Bulbs for Florida*

**Herbs:** A wide range of herbs can be planted from seeds or plants this month. Some to try are dill, fennel, oregano and sage.  
**Ask for publication:** *Herbs in the Florida Garden*

**Vegetables:** Plant crops now that will grow and produce throughout the winter months. This includes beets, Brussels sprouts, carrots, and onions.  
**Ask for publication:** *Vegetable for Florida Garden*

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