

A Low Country Garden Guide

January

- Sow perennial herb seeds indoors
- Force flowering branches
- Plant pre-cooled daffodils and tulips
- Spray with Neem oil or dormant oils for scale

February

- Feed spring bulbs before blooming
- Cut back ornamental grasses
- Prune roses
- Prune summer flowering trees, shrubs
- Apply pre-emergent herbicide

March

- Plant annuals, perennials, herbs after frost
- Feed new bedding plants slow-release fertilizer
- Fertilize roses, balanced slow-release fertilizer
- Aerate lawn if soil is compacted

April

- Transplant or plant new palms
- Best time to seed lawns
- Plant summer-flowering bulbs
- Fertilize lawns and fruit/nut trees
- Feed shrubs, perennials time-release

May

- Plant caladiums, dahlia, autumn crocuses
- Feed roses and daylilies a slow-release balanced fertilizer
- Apply pre-emergent herbicide
- Prune, feed spring-flowering shrubs after bloom

June

- Prune old canes from climbing roses to encourage new canes
- Feed, prune gardenias after bloom

- Feed annuals a slow-release fertilizer
- Fertilize Bermuda and Zoysia grass based on soil test

July

- Feed perennials a slow-release fertilizer
- Continue deadheading to prolong blooming period
- Check mulch and add as needed to keep roots cool
- Root semi-hardwood stems

August

- Cut back geraniums to rejuvenate
- Take cuttings or sow seeds of annuals in pots for winter flowers indoors
- Collect seeds from annual vines for next year
- Feed shrubs a slow-release fertilizer

September

- Good time to plant sod
- Divide perennials
- Feed roses a balanced fertilizer
- Prune climbing roses
- Spray Camellia, Fatsia, Gardenia for scale and aphids

October

- Sow wildflower seeds; take cuttings of Confederate Rose
- Plant cool-weather perennials, annuals
- Stop deadheading roses
- Dig and store caladiums

November

- Plant spring-flowering bulbs; protect tender palms from freezing
- Good time to plant trees, shrubs
- Sow winter rye grass seed

December

- Plant trees, tulips, ivy, roses
- Lightly fertilize hardy annuals with liquid fertilizer