

Alabama Gardener's Calendar

► Learn—month by month—the necessary gardening activities for lawns and shrubs, annuals and perennials, fruit and nut trees, and bulbs, roots, and tubers. Included is a timeline for activities such as soil testing, planting, pruning, fertilizing, pruning, mulching, indoor plantings—from cauliflower to okra, from camellias to dahlias to heirloom roses.

Fruits and Nuts

- Select sites for plantings.
- Start mulching strawberries, blackberries, and grapes.

Shrubs

Plant shrubs, trees, and vines.

Lawns

- Perform a soil test to determine if limestone is recommended and apply anytime this fall.
- Fertilize fescue lawns at 1 pound slow-release nitrogen per 1,000 square feet.
- As fall rain returns, monitor for fungal disease in fescue.

Roses

- Get rose planting underway.
- Use a soil test as a basis for fertilization.
- Look for new varieties.





Annuals and Perennials

- Plant hardy annuals such as larkspur, poppies, pansies, bugloss, candytuft, and ornamental cabbage and kale.
- Get sweet peas into the ground.

Bulbs

- Continue spring bulb planting.
- Put lilies of the valley in a shady place.

Miscellaneous

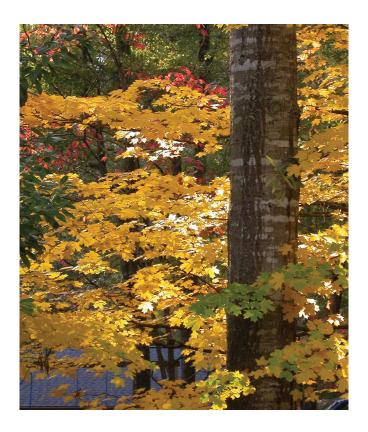
Plant screen plantings for privacy on the patio.

Vegetables

 Use cold frames for tender, cool-season vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Swiss chard, lettuce, mustard, onions, radishes, and turnips.

Questions?

Call the Master Gardener Helpline at (877) 252-4769. A Master Gardener Extension volunteer is waiting to answer your call.







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