

Garden Notes

February 2024



Potato Planting Time

Nurseries will soon have 'seed' potatoes for purchase. Cut your pieces so each piece has 2-3 nodes (growing points). Plant 4 inches deep in well drained soil and wait for growth. Hilling is necessary so [read about this technique in the UF publication](#).



Managing Weeds

You may consider the application of a pre emergent herbicide about mid February - 1 March if crabgrass, pusley, or spurge was an issue in your lawn last year. A few active ingredients include dithiopyr, pendamethalin, and prodiame. Read labels for specific application directions.



Calendula

Calendula may not be as common as the pansy but these annual flowers are very hardy in our winter gardens. Sturdy plants about 1 foot tall produce daisy like flowers that are bright orange or yellow. Add to a full sun or partial shade area. Water as needed.

Plants are often started easily by seed. Removing spent blooms encourages more flowering. Add to any open spot, container, or vegetable garden.