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## **Cucumbers**

Today on Gardening in a Minute: cucumbers.

Cucumbers are a popular garden crop throughout Florida because they're delicious and easy to grow. Cucumbers are used in salads, salsa, sandwiches, and many other dishes, and they can be eaten fresh or pickled.

Cucumbers can be planted in the spring or fall. They're vining plants, so if space is tight, plant a bush type or compact-growing type, or grow them on a trellis.

There are many varieties of cucumbers. Look for those that are disease-resistant.

Incorporate plenty of organic matter into the soil and plant the seeds directly in the ground a few inches apart.

Your cucumbers will be ready to pick in seven to ten weeks. Pick them while they're still tender, crisp, and green. Harvest your plants regularly to keep the fruit coming.

For more information about cucumbers, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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