Summer Bedding Plants

Today on Gardening in a Minute: summer bedding plants.

Even during the oppressive heat of summer, your Florida landscape can still be home to a variety of bedding plants.

For cheery color, try French marigolds. These golden or orange flowers are easy-to-grow sun lovers and have few insect or disease problems.

Melampodium is a tough, drought-tolerant plant that produces a mound of small yellow flowers throughout the summer.

As a contrast to these sunny hues, try plants with cool-colored blooms, like the wishbone flower, or Torenia. This plant will do well in the shade, as well as in the sun.

If you’re looking for standout foliage, coleus and caladiums provide non-stop summer color to your sun or shade garden.

Add organic matter to your beds before planting, water and fertilize as needed, and remove old flowers for best success.

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