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Repotting Orchids

Today on Gardening in a Minute: repotting orchids.

Orchids should be repotted when the media breaks down or the plant gets too big for the pot. You'll use the same procedures when you want to divide an orchid to create a new plant.

Repotting calls for new media, and you can choose from bark, charcoal, osmunda fiber, or even volcanic rock. Clay pots are the most common containers, but you can also choose from plastic pots or wooden baskets.

To repot an orchid, first remove the old media, as well as any dead or diseased roots before placing it in the new pot or on the new mounting.

After repotting, use clips to secure the orchid until it's established. Water your plant right away, but don't fertilize for at least several weeks.

For more information about repotting orchids and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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