Winter Annuals

Today on Gardening in a Minute: winter annuals.

In Florida, we’re lucky to have flowers throughout the year. And certain annuals that are usually planted during the summer in other places can be planted in the winter here.

Add organic matter to our sandy soils for best success. Place winter annuals in full sun, and water thoroughly after planting.

For striking visuals and biggest impact, limit the varieties and colors of flowering plants you choose. Popular winter annuals include pansies and violas, both of which have edible flowers. Deadheading, or removing old blooms, will keep them setting new buds.

Snapdragons, petunias, and allysum are other popular winter choices. Check out University of Florida recommended plant lists to help you choose varieties of these and other cool season annuals.

For more information on winter annuals and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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