Succulent Gardens

Today on Gardening in a Minute: succulent gardens.

Looking for low-maintenance, drought-tolerant plants? Succulents are just the thing!

“Succulent” is the term for any plant with thick, fleshy leaves, stems, or roots designed for storing water.

Succulents come in all kinds of interesting forms, textures, and colors. They can thrive equally well in a sunny spot near your deck or in a sunny windowsill, although some prefer shady locations.

Because succulents are adapted to survive dry conditions, they don’t need much supplemental water. In Florida’s climate, therefore, it’s best to grow succulents in containers.

Start with a shallow clay or terra cotta container with drainage holes. Choose a few plants with contrasting appearances and place them in well-drained media with room to grow.

Finish off the soil surface with gravel to provide the finishing touch!

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

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