Salt-tolerant Landscapes

Today on Gardening in a Minute: salt-tolerant landscapes.

Florida is a coastal state, and many landscapes suffer from salt spray, saltwater intrusion in groundwater, and the application of salty reclaimed water. But you can have a beautiful landscape even in the most saline conditions.

Plants that are native to the coast are certainly salt tolerant, but don’t limit yourself to just these.

Several kinds of turf have good salt tolerance. St. Augustine-, zoysia-, and Bermudagrass are the best choices for the coastal lawn.

Salt-tolerant species of plants that will do well in saline environments include vines like bougainvillea, groundcovers such as sea oats, and shrubs like wax myrtle.

The frangipani is a salt-tolerant tree that will do well in South Florida, and the live oak will thrive on the coast throughout most of the state.

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

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