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Lemongrass

Today on Gardening in a Minute: lemongrass.

Lemongrass is an herbaceous perennial originally from India.

It can be used in the Florida landscape as a border or accent and in mass plantings, but is also edible!

Lemongrass leaves remain green most of the year, turning scarlet or dark red in the fall and winter. They add an appealing lemony fragrance to the garden.

Plant your lemongrass in full or part sun. It can grow to 6 feet tall and 4 feet wide, and makes an excellent choice for edging fence lines and wide walkways.

You can use lemongrass as a flavoring in Thai-style soups and curries. Just snip several stalks, cut off the lower bulb, and remove the tough outer leaves. Cut or "bruise" what's left and add to your dish!

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

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