Blueberries

Today on Gardening in a Minute: blueberries.

Blueberries are tasty fruits that can be grown in your own backyard.

Two types of blueberries grow well in Florida: rabbiteye and southern highbush. If you’re in the northern half of the state, plant rabbiteye, but if you’re in the southern half, choose the southern highbush.

Both kinds of blueberries require acidic, well-drained soils. Plants will benefit from the addition of organic matter and a layer of pine bark mulch.

Blueberries will do best in a sunny area away from buildings and competition from roots of trees.

During the first growing season, remove all the flowers before they turn into fruit to firmly establish your plants and make the crop stronger the following year. Remember, you’ll need at least two different varieties planted close together for cross-pollination.

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

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