Clumping Bamboo

Today on Gardening in a Minute: clumping bamboo.

Bamboo is a gorgeous, exotic-looking plant that sometimes has a reputation for being aggressive. But there are actually two groups of bamboos: runners and clumpers.

Running bamboos can grow rampantly and don’t stay in one place, but clumping bamboos grow only a few inches wider each year. This characteristic makes them ideal for the Florida landscape.

Choose a clumping bamboo whose cold tolerance fits your area. South Floridians have a large and diverse group of bamboo to choose from, but some types thrive in North Florida as well. For best performance, plant your bamboo in full or part sun.

Bamboo will tolerate a wide variety of soil types, but for best growth, water and fertilize yours on a regular schedule, and don’t forget to mulch!

For more about bamboo, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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