Tangelos

Today on Gardening in a Minute: tangelos.

Tangelos are a popular type of citrus that are the result of a cross between a tangerine and a grapefruit.

Two varieties are typically available, both of which are sweet and juicy.

Orlando tangelos are medium in size and have a yellowish-orange skin that may be tough to peel. Minneola tangelos are slightly larger and have a reddish-orange skin that peels easily. They also have a bell-like shape, which has earned them the nickname "Honeybells."

Tangelos are fairly cold-hardy, which makes them suitable for many parts of Florida. The tree can grow quite large, so be sure to leave plenty of room.

Tangelos aren't very self-fertile, so it helps to have a compatible citrus tree nearby, like Temple, Sunburst, or Fallglo, to ensure good pollination and high fruit yields.

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

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