Wildflowers in the Garden

Today on Gardening in a Minute: wildflowers in the garden.

Native flowers are beautiful and easy to grow, and you can find the seed at most garden centers. Why not grow a small bed of wildflowers or even an entire mini-meadow in your landscape?

Choose a site that’s sunny most of the day and has well-drained soil. Purchase native seed that’s been produced in Florida and has the “Native from Florida” logo.

Plant in areas with few or no weeds, after you’ve lightly scratched the bare soil with a rake. In grassy areas, mow closely before planting, and remove the clippings. Wherever you plant, broadcast the seed by hand or with a spreader, and rake the soil lightly.

You won’t need to fertilize your native wildflowers—they’re adapted to the low fertility soils of Florida!

For more information about wildflowers, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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