Dividing Bulbs

Today on Gardening in a Minute: dividing bulbs.

Certain plants have underground storage organs called bulbs. These have adapted for nutrient and water storage during dormancy or extended periods of stress due to cold, heat, or drought.

Amaryllis, crinums, and blood lilies are examples of Florida-friendly plants with true bulbs. The bulbs of these plants can be divided in several different ways to produce new plants.

One simple way to divide many bulbs is to separate the bulblets from the primary bulb. Pot or plant them with the pointy end up. Store bulblets in a cool, dry place for up to a week before planting.

Bulbs like amaryllis can be easily propagated by cutting them into wedges. Apply a fungicide dust, and plant each section, from which new plants will grow.

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

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