Figs

Today on Gardening in a Minute: figs.

The fig is a handsome tree that bears delicious fruit. It can also be grown as a large shrub or planted in a container.

Of all the kinds of figs, the “common” fig is the best for Florida. Look for varieties adapted to the state, such as ‘Celeste’ or ‘Brown Turkey’.

Fruit on Florida-friendly varieties ripens between July and October, and their size and taste varies.

Bare-root figs can be planted anytime during the dormant season, but late winter is best. Plant container-grown plants any time of the year.

Figs will not tolerate excessively wet soil, but need plenty of water during the fruiting season. Mulch around the tree to help the soil retain moisture. Prune your fig only to maintain the preferred size.

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

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