Delphinium

Today on Gardening in a Minute: delphinium.

Tired of planting the same cool-season annuals year after year? If you’re ready for something different, try delphinium.

Starting in March, delphinium produces spikes of white, pink, or lilac blossoms that are great for cutting and using in arrangements.

Delphinium also has delicate, lacy foliage that can add a soft background to garden beds or container plantings. The plants can grow 2 to 6 feet tall, depending on the variety.

You should be able to find transplants now at your local garden center. Plant them in a spot that receives full sun, and be sure to water and fertilize them.

Don’t worry about protecting delphinium from cold, unless temperatures drop into the mid-20s. Once temperatures rise in summer, the plants will fade and you’ll need to remove them.

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

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