Aloe Vera

Today on Gardening in a Minute: aloe vera.

Aloe vera is well-known for the reputed medicinal value of the juice in its leaves, but it also makes a hardy garden perennial.

A natural for groundcover or specimen use in tropical rock gardens, aloe also makes a great container plant.

Aloe grows best in full sun, but is tolerant of some shade.

Little maintenance is needed to keep plants looking good, and it will produce small yellow flower stalks in the winter and spring. Its spiny-edged, light green leaves grow in a rosette.

Aloes are often propagated by removing the new plants that form at the base of the parent plant, which are also called pups.

Gardeners have been using and sharing aloe for more than 6,000 years. Try one of these super easy-to-grow plants today!

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

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