Rooting Hormones

Today on Gardening in a Minute: rooting hormones.

If you’re starting plants from cuttings, you can speed up the process and ensure greater success by using rooting hormones.

Rooting hormones occur naturally in plants but are also commonly available in powdered form. These powders provide supplemental amounts of auxin, a natural plant hormone that helps with root development, and may also include a fungicide.

All you have to do is dip the end of each cutting into the powder before you plant it in the soil. You can pour a small amount of the powder into a small dish so that you won’t contaminate the remaining product.

Keep the cuttings moist but not too wet for the first several weeks until the roots take hold. In time, you should have plenty of new plants to use or share!

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

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