Plumeria

Today on Gardening in a Minute: plumeria.

For a touch of the tropics, try growing plumeria. The flowers of this tropical beauty are incredibly fragrant and come in a range of colors.

The pinwheel-shaped blooms can be white, yellow, pink, or variegated. You may even recognize them as one of the flowers used to make Hawaiian leis.

Also known as frangipani, plumeria grows best in full sun and mild climates.

In South Florida it can be planted outside and may grow into a small tree. Further north, this tender plant should be grown in containers that can be brought inside when cold weather strikes.

Watch for rust disease, a yellow coating on the undersides of the leaves.

A perk of plumeria is that it’s simple to propagate from stem cuttings, which means you can easily create new plants to share with friends.

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

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