Cold Protection of Dooryard Citrus

Today on Gardening in a Minute: protecting your dooryard citrus from the cold.

Florida’s subtropical climate makes it an excellent location to grow citrus in your yard. But the occasional freeze can cause damage to your dooryard citrus.

Even so, homeowners can bring their trees through most freezes using proactive measures for cold protection.

Cold protection is achieved by trapping ground heat. So use a fabric covering to drape over your plants all the way to the ground. Stake or weight the bottom of the cloth to prevent it from blowing in the wind. And be sure to remove the covering when the temperature goes above freezing.

In North Florida, choose cold-hardy citrus varieties or keep your plants in containers to make them easier to protect.

Citrus trees make a wonderful addition to your yard. With a little care, your trees can come through cold weather.

For more information about dooryard citrus, contact your local extension office or visit gardening in a minute dot com.

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