Grouping Plants by Their Needs

Today on Gardening in a Minute: grouping plants by their needs.

Different plants can have very different needs. That doesn’t mean you can’t use a wide variety of plants in your landscape. In fact, you might have vastly different conditions, from sunny, dry locations to more shady or damp spots, where different plants can thrive.

Landscapes often feature a large lawn scattered with a few shrubs. While this may look like the norm, it can actually make your life a whole lot more difficult. Turf and woody ornamentals have very different water, fertilizer, and maintenance needs, and one misplaced shrub can disrupt watering and mowing.

You can reduce maintenance and conserve water in your landscape by grouping plants according to their requirements. Think about how often you’ll need to trim, water, and fertilize different plants before you place them in your landscape. It’ll make your life a lot easier!

For more information on landscape maintenance, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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