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Placement of Plants in the Garden

Today on Gardening in a Minute: placement of plants in the garden.

A common mistake gardeners make in the landscape is placing their plants too close together. This happens because plants are usually purchased when they're young and not fully grown.

As plants mature, growth can be stunted by a lack of adequate space. Overcrowding can also lead to disease problems, from too little air circulation, and spindly growth from inadequate sunlight.

You'll save money, time, and effort if you know how large the plants you purchase will ultimately be. So make sure to consider the new plants' mature size and place them in the landscape accordingly. There are dwarf varieties of many plants that may work in smaller spaces.

And remember, your new garden may not look completely full at planting, but will fill in with time!

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

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