Using Turf Wisely

Today on Gardening in a Minute: using turf wisely.

A lush lawn can be an appealing element in the home landscape and provides many important benefits, like reducing stormwater runoff and cleaning the air. But it's important to use turf wisely.

Maintaining a lawn in prime condition requires mowing, fertilization, irrigation, and pest management.

Consider using mulched beds accented by a smaller amount of turfgrass to reduce the maintenance.

Make sure you choose a grass that is suited to your soil type and amount of sunlight, and that matches the amount of work you want to put into your lawn. Turfgrass typically won’t thrive in heavy shade, so consider using groundcovers or mulch in those areas instead.

So use turfgrass where it makes sense, and you'll be conserving resources and contributing to a better environment.

For more information about turfgrass, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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