Toad Houses

Today on Gardening in a Minute: toad houses.

Toad houses are a fun way to invite wildlife into your garden.

A single toad can consume over 100 beetles, slugs, sowbugs, armyworms, and other pests in a day!

Toads are most active during the night, and during the day they need a cool, dark place to hide from the sun and predators.

A toad house is just the thing, and it’s easy to make.

You can use almost any durable container with no sharp edges, but a clay flower pot is the best choice because it’ll stay cool. Decorate it to your taste, then find a moist, shady spot in your garden.

Lay the container on its side and bury about half, making sure there’s a dirt floor.

Place it near a shallow water source for maximum toad appeal.

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

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