Planting a Lawn with Plugs

Today on Gardening in a Minute: planting a lawn with plugs.

Plugging is the planting of small chunks of sod at regular intervals. It’s often used as a less expensive alternative to the “instant lawn” that sod offers.

You can make your own plugs by cutting sod into two to four inch pieces. They are typically planted with a specifically designed plugging tool.

You can also buy separated plug trays of some varieties of turfgrass. These commercial plugs usually have well-developed root systems.

Plant the plugs into your prepared soil on six to twelve inch centers. The farther apart your plugs are, the longer they will take to fill in.

Keep plugs watered on a regular basis and don’t mow until firmly rooted. This may take two weeks to a month or more in winter. Don’t fertilize new plugs until they have grown together.

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

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