Repairing Your Lawn

Today on Gardening in a Minute: repairing your lawn.

When there are dead areas in your lawn, it’s easy to repair them yourself.

Before doing anything, try to determine what killed these areas. Check your irrigation system for missed or overwatered areas, and look for other causes like insects or disease.

To repair patches of turf, you’ll need to use either plugs or sod.

Plugging is the planting of two- to four-inch circular or block-shaped pieces of sod at six- to twelve-inch intervals. Plugs can be purchased from a garden center or cut from pieces of sod.

To fill bare patches immediately, use sod.

Keep your soil moist until the new patches of grass are firmly established, and begin mowing as needed. Wait 30 to 60 days after planting to fertilize your new plugs or sod.

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

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