Preparing to Plant a Lawn

Today on Gardening in a Minute: preparing to plant a lawn.

Whether starting from seed, sod, or plugs, planting a lawn is a big undertaking, but following a few important steps can make the process a little smoother.

If you’re moving into a new house, remove all construction debris, roots, and rocks from the site. If you’re replacing an existing lawn, you’ll need to treat the area with an herbicide first and remove the dead vegetation.

It’s important to have your soil tested, so that you’ll know the pH and nutrient levels. Your county Extension office can provide you with instructions and the materials to get you started.

If necessary, you can add soil amendments and till them in. Finally, be sure the soil is evenly graded and slopes away from the house.

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

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