



Making and Broadcasting Seed Balls



Seed balls are a fun way to establish or revegetate an area with native plants. Seed balls protect the seeds from heat, being blown away, or eaten by birds, insects or other animals until rain melts the clay and allows the seeds to germinate. They are particularly helpful in windy, arid environments.

Ingredients

- 3 parts - Mixed native wildflower and/or native grass seed
- 1 part - Soil humus or compost
- 5 parts - Dry red clay (also called terra cotta clay)
- 1 part - Water

Making the Balls

Mix up the ingredients in a bucket with your hands until it is sticky. Pinch off small pieces of the mixture and roll marble sized balls between your palms until it holds together. Allow them to dry 24 to 48 hours.

Toss Them!

Pick a spot where you want to grow native flowers and gently toss them one at a time. Don't bury them, and don't water them. When it rains, they will germinate.

Watch them Grow

Notice what grows and how the plants may change throughout the seasons.

Enjoy!



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