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Sphagnum Planting Guide

This planting guide is part of a suite of documents to guide you through the process of planting sphagnum. Please refer to the *Sphagnum Practitioners' Guide* for a detailed overview of the process in its entirety, available to view online: www.moorsforthefuture.org.uk

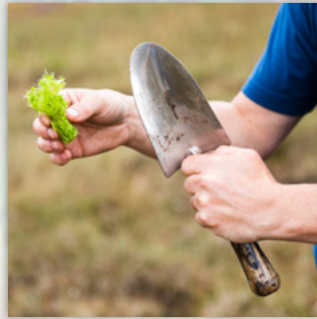
Planting Sphagnum plugs: Method

1.



A plug being unwrapped from the bundle

Hold the bundle the right way up (vivid green capitula on top). Unroll until you get to the first plug. This allows you to look at the size of the plug to assess the size of hole needed.



A single plug ready for planting and trowel

2.



Make a hole deep and wide enough to fit the plug

Once you have identified a suitable location (micro-habitat), break the surface of the peat and make a hole deep and wide enough to fit in the plug (please note there will be some small variations in size). This can be done using different tools, such as a gardener's trowel, dibber, screwdriver, broom handle or thumb.

3.



Push the plug into the hole with the capitula above ground

Place/push the plug into the hole leaving only the live capitula heads (vivid green and, sometimes, other colours) sticking out of the ground. If too much of the stems is sticking out, the plants will fall over with an increased risk of drying out.

4.



Plug being firmed in to secure the plug

Pinch or push the peat back to secure the plug into the ground. This is essential to ensure that the plug remains in place.



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