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Planting red clover from Todd's Seeds as a ground cover can enrich your soil and provide a lush, green carpet. Here's how to go about it:

1. **Choosing the Right Time**

- Red clover is best planted in early spring or late summer. In spring, sow after the last frost, and in late summer, allow at least 70 days before the first expected frost.

2. **Site Selection**

- Choose an area that receives full sun to partial shade.
- Red clover tolerates a range of soil types but prefers well-draining soil with a pH between 6.0 and 7.0.

3. **Soil Preparation**

- Remove weeds and debris from the planting area.
- Loosen the soil to about 2-3 inches deep and mix in a couple of inches of compost to enrich the soil if needed.

4. **Seed Mixing**

- Red clover seeds are tiny, so mixing them with sand is beneficial to ensure even distribution. Mix about 1 part seed to 4 parts sand.

5. **Sowing the Seeds**

- Sprinkle the seed and sand mixture evenly over the prepared area. Aim for about 4 ounces of red clover seeds per 1,000 square feet.
- Lightly rake the area to cover the seeds with a thin layer of soil. The seeds should be no more than ¼ inch deep.

6. **Watering**

- Water the area gently but thoroughly after planting to moisten the soil without washing away the seeds.
- Keep the soil consistently moist but not soggy until germination, typically within 7 to 14 days.

7. **Maintenance**

- Once established, red clover requires minimal care. Water during periods of extreme dryness.
- Mow periodically to a height of about 2 to 3 inches to maintain a tidy appearance and encourage new growth.

8. **Fertilization**



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- Red clover is a legume that fixes nitrogen, so additional fertilization is generally unnecessary.
- If growth seems slow, consider a soil test to check for other nutrient deficiencies and address them accordingly.

9. **Pest and Disease Management**

- Red clover is relatively resistant to pests and diseases. However, watch for common issues like leaf spots or rust, and treat organically if necessary.

10. **Using Red Clover**

- Besides being a ground cover, red clover can be used as a green manure to improve soil health. It can be tilled into the soil at the end of the season to add organic matter and nitrogen.

Following these steps will help establish a vibrant and beneficial red clover ground cover in your garden.

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