



Mulch, Bark, Compost & Soil Descriptions

Bumper Crop

Bumper Crop is the best, most popular soil amendment that we have available. It is a natural fortified mulch that is excellent for both vegetable and flower gardens. It is pH balanced and contains long-lasting organic nutrients. This product contains Chicken Manure, Bat Guano, Worm Castings, Kelp Meal, Composted Bark products and Mycorrhizae, a beneficial soil micro-organism. It will not burn any plants - new or old. It helps break up clay soil and helps increase the water holding capacity of sandy soils. It is also an excellent mulch to mix in soil when planting new shrubs, flowers, vegetables, and trees. For vegetables & Flowers, spread a 2" to 3" layer of Bumper Crop over the surface and work it into the soil to a depth of 6".



2 cubic foot bag

Black Forest Compost

Black Forest is great for mulching gardens, covering lawn seed, and for preparing all garden areas for planting. This product contains Chicken Manure, Bat Guano, Bark products, and is pH balanced so it will not burn any plants - new or old. Its long lasting ingredients help break up clay soil and improve drainage in compacted soils. It also helps increase the water holding capacity of sandy soils. Even though it contains many of the same ingredients as Bumper Crop, it does not contain as many nutrients. It is a black compost so it helps to darken the soil that it is mixed with. The unique size and shape of its organic contents makes it a great mulch for improving all types of soil conditions.



3 cubic foot compressed bag

Gardener's Choice Planting Mix

Gardener's Choice Planting Mix is an all-purpose, all natural, all organic planting mix that improves porosity and promotes drainage in clay soil. This is a good planting mix that has been composted and pH balanced to prevent burning new roots. You can even plant directly into this mix without burning the plant's roots, although its most beneficial use is improving the existing soil. This product contains worm castings, bat guano, chicken manure, kelp meal, sand, and screened topsoil.



2 cubic foot bag

Acid Planting Mix

Acid Planting Mix is formulated for all acid loving plants. It contains all organic, long lasting ingredients that help improve soil porosity and drainage. Use this product when planting blueberries, rhododendrons, azaleas, Japanese maples, daphne and other



acid loving shrubs and trees - instead of peatmoss. This is a good mix of organic products that has been composted and pH adjusted to prevent burning new roots. You can use this product to amend soil in containers and to mix 50% with the soil around each shrub you plant. Your acid loving plants will love it.

1.5 cubic foot bag

Peatmoss

Peatmoss is made from sphagnum peat. It is grown, harvested, compressed, and packaged in the Canadian Peat Bogs. Peatmoss is a general purpose soil conditioner that has good water holding capabilities. It is slightly acid, making it an excellent mulch to mix with your soil when planting all acid loving plants, such as azaleas, rhododendrons, and Japanese maples. Peatmoss is very fine so it is not the best mulch to mix in clay soils, but it works great in sandy soils.



1 cu ft bag, 2.2 cu ft bag, 3.8 cu ft bag.

Soil Pep

Soil Pep is an excellent soil amendment for both a top dressing and for mixing into the soil when planting seeds, flowers, shrubs or trees. This mulch is made of composted bark products. Soil Pep does not rob nutrients from the soil, but it does not contain any added nutrients or animal manures. Fertilize your gardens and plants regularly throughout the summer to compliment the benefits of Soil Pep.



2 Cubic Foot Bag and also available in bulk.

Nutri Mulch

This mulch is made from a mixture of composted sawdust and turkey manure. The sawdust and turkey manure is gathered from the floors of the turkey pens before the turkeys are released into their growing yards. Nutri Mulch is then composted until all the materials reach the desired texture. It contains a lot of organic nitrogen from the turkey manure. Straight turkey manure, without the sawdust, would be much too strong for your gardens and would contain too much salt for your plants to tolerate. This is just the right blend.



2 Cubic Foot Bag

Ferti Mulch

Ferti-Mulch is an aged compost consisting of poultry manure and sawdust that is aged and composted for over a year. It has turned a dark chocolate brown color and there is no manure smell when it is composted. This product works wonderfully for rototilling or mixing into your soil as a soil amendment. Ferti-Mulch is also a popular alternative to bark as a topdressing.

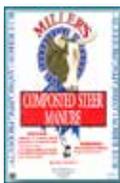


2 cubic foot bag and also available in bulk.

Steer Manure

Steer Manure is not exactly what the name implies. It is not just steer manure, it contains all types of cow manure. It contains some composted straw and sawdust as well. It also contains organic nitrogen, as part of the cow manure. Steer Manure is great to mix in all types of soils.

1 cubic foot bag



Oakdell Organic Compost

Oakdell's organic poultry compost is great for all garden areas. You really do need to SEE it, FEEL it, and TRY it. It won't take you long to tell that it's not like the other composts! When used as directed, this compost will make your plants better by improving the soil in which they live. This compost looks so good you may be tempted to plant directly into it, but DO NOT DO THIS! It must be mixed with 3-4 parts soil!

1 cubic foot bags.



Bagged Topsoil

This is a soil that contains a considerable amount of composted organic materials, including forest humus and reed sedge peat. It does not contain any added nutrients. It is great for general usage in lawns & gardens. It is ideal for leveling, filling, grading, and topdressing. You can plant directly into this topsoil or you can mix this topsoil with your existing soil to help improve it.

1 cubic foot bag



Miller's Box Garden Mix

One of the best products that you can use to fill your raised boxes. A unique blend of Organic Compost, sphagnum peat moss, coconut coir and perlite for a perfect pH growing mix. Pre-blended with Miller's A to Z Mix with humates, Mycorrhizae, earthworm castings and over 70 all organic minerals, vitamins, and nutrients. Use this mix in raised garden boxes, planters, pots for vegetables, herbs and flowers. Benefits: Accelerated Growth, Increased yields, Increased vitamins, nutrient and minerals, Improved taste of fruits and vegetables. It's ready-to-grow! Just plant, water, and enjoy.

1.5 cubic foot bag. 1 Cubic Yard Tote.



J&L Topsoil & Compost Mix

This soil is great to add to all flower and vegetable gardens. It is also good for creating mounds in the yard. This soil is a mixture of 60% soil and 40% compost. You can plant directly in the soil or you can mix it with the existing soil to help improve the soil in entire area.



This soil is not a potting soil, to be used in containers, but it is an excellent planting soil to be used throughout the yard. The soils used in this mix are sandy topsoil, loam, and some clay soils. The soil will remain workable and it will help retain moisture. It does not contain any added nutrients, so you should fertilize your garden regularly to promote plant growth.

Available only in bulk.

Black Gold All Purpose Potting Soil

Black Gold Potting soil is a multi-purpose, nutrient-rich mix that is ideal for all plants, both



indoor and outdoor. It is great for hanging baskets, patio containers and for mixing into the soil when planting vegetables and flowers. It contains sphagnum peatmoss, worm castings, forest humus, pumice, and a slow-release fertilizer. This soil is specially formulated to provide both moisture retention and good drainage.

Available in 4 quart, 8 quart, 16 quart, 1 cubic foot, and 2 cubic foot bag.

Black Gold Seedling Mix

Seedling Mix Potting soil is a specially formulated potting soil designed to provide extra fine soil particles, good moisture retention, and soft soil for germinating seedlings. It is extremely valuable in flats and trays. This soil contains sphagnum peatmoss, finely screened vermiculite and perlite, and a wetting agent to help rapid water penetration and retention.

Available in 8 quart, 16 quart and 1.5 cubic foot bag



Gardener's Gold Organic Potting Soil

Gardener's Gold Organic Potting Soil is a superior, earthy blend of all natural, all organic ingredients. There are no chemical additives. This soil is ideal for all outdoor plants. It is great for hanging baskets, patio containers and for mixing into the soil when planting vegetables and flowers. It contains fir bark fines, worm castings, forest humus, peatmoss, perlite, bat guano, kelp meal, and composted chicken manure.

Available in 8 quart, 1 cubic foot and 2 cubic foot bags.



Fox Farm Ocean Forest Potting Soil

The ultimate potting soil—everything your plants need, in one bag. Ocean Forest® is a powerhouse blend of premium earthworm castings, bat guano, and sea-going fish and crab meal. Composted forest humus, sandy loam, and sphagnum peat moss give Ocean Forest® its light, aerated texture. Start with Ocean Forest® and watch your plants come alive! Perfect for containers and ready to use right out of the bag. Ocean Forest® is pH adjusted at 6.3 to 6.8 to allow for optimum fertilizer uptake. There's no need for nitrogen fertilizers at first.

12 quart and 1.5 cubic foot bag



Small Bark

Small bark is good for walkways and gardens. It helps prevent weed seeds from germinating. It covers the ground thoroughly and is very effective retarding weed growth. Use under medium and large bark to increase the effective coverage. Small bark nuggets are screened from 3/8" to 3/4" in size.

2 cubic foot bag and also available in bulk



Medium Bark

Medium bark gives the appearance of large chunks of bark. The wind is not able to blow this bark around as much as the small sized bark. Medium bark nuggets range in size from 1" to 1 3/4".

2 cubic foot bag and also available in bulk



Coarse (Large) Bark

Coarse Bark is the largest chunks of bark available. This bark has to be put on very thick to cover the ground to prevent weeds, so it is not very economical to use. Some gardeners will cover the



soil with either small bark or shredded bark and then add a small layer of coarse bark to change the appearance to the more coarse look. Coarse bark nuggets range in size from 2" to 3".

2 cubic foot bag

Shredded Bark

Shredded Bark is made from the bark of fir trees. It has small and stringy fibers which mat down and make it an ideal ground cover for windy areas and for slopes. This bark is very effective in preventing weeds from starting to germinate and grow. It is also good for walkways and for areas that you want a natural bark appearance.



2 cubic foot bag and also available in bulk.

Playground Bark

This bark provides a softer landing area for children to fall. Put a 6" to 9" deep layer of bark to help cushion the fall. Playground bark is made from aspen tree wood, not from aspen bark. This bark mulch does not give slivers, or make you itch, like other types of bark or wood products can. The natural bark color fades to dull gray in the sunlight.



2 cubic foot bag and available in bulk.

Mini Nugget Bark

Mini Nugget bark is a size just larger than Soil Pep and a size just smaller than small bark. It is 3/8" and a smaller size than forest bark. This bark has not been composted, so it is not recommended as a soil conditioner, it is generally used as a top dressing mulch.



2 cubic foot bag

Red Colored Mulch

Red Colored Mulch is a shredded bark that has been stained with a bright red color. It is a very good wind resistant bark because it mats down well. It is also good for slopes and hillsides. Red Colored Mulch will retain its vivid color for at least 3 to 5 years.



2 cubic foot bag - Also available in Bulk.

Brown Colored Mulch

Brown Colored Mulch is a shredded bark that has been stained with a dark brown color. It is a very good wind resistant bark because it mats down well. It is also good for slopes and hillsides. Brown Colored Mulch will retain its vivid color for at least 3 to 5 years.



2 cubic foot bag - Also available in Bulk.

Cocoa Bean Shell Mulch

Cocoa Mulch is the hulls of cocoa beans. This product has been washed to remove all the theobromine (a chocolate product that can make dogs sick). It is completely harmless to pets. Once applied to gardens, Cocoa Mulch releases a natural gum product which binds the shells into a porous mat that holds moisture in the soil, suppresses weed growth, and holds it in place through a minor windstorm (unfortunately not through a 100 mph east wind). Cocoa mulch is not good for walkways.



This product naturally deters slugs and snails but it should not

be used in shady areas where it will stay wet. If it is kept wet, it will decompose quickly and create an unsightly mold during the decomposition process. It does not decompose as quickly in hot and dry areas.

2 cubic foot bag

Lava Rock

Lava Rock is available in two sizes of small rock. Lava Rock Pebbles are crushed and screened from 3/8" to 3/4" size. Lava Rock Nuggets are crushed and screened from 3/4" to 1 3/4" size. Lava pebbles are available in red. Lava nuggets are available in Red, Black, and Golden colors.



1 cubic foot bag. Pebbles and Nuggets.

We also have two sizes of lava rock boulders available. We have an 18" to 24" size, and a 24" to 30" size.



River Rock

River Rock is screened rock that has been quarried from river beds. It's smooth surfaces make river rocks attractive in the gardens. Two sizes are available. River Rock Pebbles are 3/4" to 1-1/4" size rocks. River Rock Nuggets are 1-1/4" to 1-3/4" size rocks.



1/2 cubic foot bag

Pea Gravel

Pea Gravel is crushed rock that has been screened to about 1/8" to 1/4" size pebbles. It is good for using in containers to help with drainage and to provide drainage in sumps and around sprinkler system drains.



1/2 cubic foot bag and also available in bulk.

Play Sand

This sand has been screened (and sometimes washed) to remove the fine particles. Play sand does not compact, making it a more loose material. Use play sand in sand boxes, and to help loosen hard or compacted soil. Play sand can also be added to other soil mixes to increase their bulk density, making the soil heavier. Play sand can be used in making cactus soil mixes and mixes to grow other succulent plants.



1/2 cubic foot bag. Landscaping sand is available in bulk.

Paver Sand

This sand is extremely course so it can be compacted uniformly. It allows for adequate water drainage. This type of sand can be put into the joints between the pavers when they are being leveled, helping to lock the pavers in place. Concrete sand also locks together tightly enough in paver joints to help stop water from seeping under the pavers and lifting them.



1/2 cubic foot bag. Landscaping sand is available in bulk.

Polymeric paver sand

This is a granular sand material with a water-activated polymer mixed in the sand. After the sand is spread and placed in the joints, the sand is sprayed down with water, which causes the polymers to harden. This then secures the sand in place. Polymeric sand is so durable that it can actually be power washed, with care.

White Rock

White rock nuggets are quarried white quartzite. Some quarries are located in Wyoming and others in Nevada. Once quarried they are crushed and screened to 3/4" to 1-1/2" size nuggets. These rocks tend to fade to either a pinkish cast or a greenish cast, depending on which part of the country they were quarried.

1/2 cubic foot bag



Vermiculite

This soil amendment is made by heating mica (hydrated laminar) at very high temperatures. Vermiculite helps loosen and aerate the soil. It improves water retention and helps regulate fertilizer release in the soil. Finely screened Vermiculite is often used as a seed starting medium. Larger screened Vermiculite is used for storing bulbs and flower tubers. Vermiculite is in-organic which means it does not decompose and will remain in the soil for many years. Use Vermiculite in addition to organic mulches - not in place of them.

Available in 12 quart and 3.5 cubic foot bags.



Perlite

This soil amendment is made by heating sand (siliceous volcanic rock) at very high temperatures. Perlite helps loosen and aerate the soil. It improves soil drainage. Perlite has excellent water retention and nutrient holding qualities that make it an ideal, long-term soil amendment. Perlite is often used as an additive in potting soil. Perlite is in-organic which means it does not decompose and will remain in the soil for many years. Perlite will hold from 3 to 4 times its weight in water, yet will not become soggy. Perlite can be used instead of sand to reduce the soil mix weight. Use Perlite in addition to organic mulches - not in place of them.

Available in 12 quart and 4 cubic foot bag



Utelite

This soil amendment is mined near Coalville, Utah. Utelite helps loosen and aerate the soil. It is extremely helpful in breaking up hard or compacted clay soils. It improves water retention and helps oxygen penetration in the soil. Utelite is expanded shale, an in-organic product that does not decompose and will remain in the soil for many years.

Mix plenty of Utelite in the soil before you plant, you will see an immediate improvement in your gardens. Be sure to use Utelite in addition to organic mulches - not in place of them. Utelite can also be spread on top of a recently aerated lawn and raked into the holes to help improve the soil in your lawn areas.

1/2 cubic foot bags and also available in bulk.



Coconut Mulch (Coir)

Coconut mulch is made from ground coconut shells. Coconut fibers absorb and hold 5 times more water than peatmoss. This mulch also takes several years to decompose, so it remains in the soil for many years. It helps to increase water retention, to add extra air spaces in the soil, and to help improve the soil structure.

Available in small blocks, 1 and 2 cubic foot bags.



How Much Mulch Do You Need?

Filling a raised bed requires a surprisingly large volume of material. To determine how much soil mix you need, you need

to do some basic math -- 'Length x Width x Depth'. For example, a 4 foot by 8 foot bed, one foot deep, has a volume of 32 cubic feet.

Please read our 'Bark, Mulch and Soil Coverage Chart' for specific instructions about determining how much soil and amendments you need to purchase.



Bagged Or Bulk?

Most gardeners find they need to bring in a lot of additional soil when creating a raised planting bed, or building a planter box, because of the large amount of materials needed to fill it.



Both soil and compost are sold in bags, by the tractor scoop, and by the truckload.

A cubic yard is three feet by three feet by three feet, or 27 cubic feet. It takes 27 one cubic foot bags, or 13.5 two cubic foot bags, to equal one yard

Accessibility and cost may determine whether you use bagged materials, or whether you purchase the materials in bulk.

Mulch Lock® <http://www.mulchlock.com/>

Mulch-Lock® bonds and stabilizes all types of mulches from the effects of wind, rain, erosion, blowers and mowers: it locks mulch in place. It allows water and nutrients to flow through the mulch to your plants, shrubs and trees. Just spray it directly onto the mulch. Although it sprays on in a white milky color, it dries completely clear.



Mulch-Lock® can last up to 12 months, but the exact amount of time depends on three factors, the weight and size of the mulch, how heavily Mulch-Lock® is applied, and how long Mulch-Lock® is left to cure before a rainstorm, or before the sprinklers are turned on. Double coating trouble spots (downspouts, driveways, and sloped areas) will also help those areas hold in place longer.

Apply Mulch-Lock® to ground cover materials such as: bark mulch, rubber mulch, pine needles, straw, pebbles, gravel, sand and even dirt. Use around driveways, sidewalks, patios, fences, foundations, curbs and lawn edges. You can also use it on slopes and hillsides to help prevent minor erosion problems.

Mulch-Lock's UV inhibitors help the mulch retain its natural look, extending the life and color, so it will look beautiful longer.

Your trees and plants will benefit, since Mulch-Lock keeps the mulch in place, reducing the risk of the mulch washing or blowing away. Keeping the mulch in place can help improve the soil, and increase biological activity, something your plants need to grow stronger and healthier.



It's like having a "hairspray" for mulch. After all, you probably spent a lot of money for your home's plants, trees and shrubs. Use Mulch Lock to help preserve your investment in them.

Coverage Guide for Soil Mulches and Amendments

Cubic Feet of Product	1	2	3	4	5	10	27
Depth	----- Square Feet Covered -----						
1/8"	96	192	288	384	480	960	
1/4"	48	96	144	192	240	480	
1/2"	24	48	72	96	120	240	648
1"	12	24	36	48	60	120	324
2"	6	12	18	24	30	60	160
3"	4	8	12	16	20	40	108
4"	3	6	9	12	15	30	81