How to... choose the right compost

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Multi-Purpose Compost with added John Innes

This combines the excellent physical properties of a quality multi-purpose compost (light and fluffy), with the practical advantages of John Innes (soil based, retaining water and nutrients). Added perlite improves the texture and creates the optimum air/moisture ratio. A superior compost that is easier to manage and maintain with a healthy, open structure that promotes good drainage. It's perfect for all non ericaceous plants including trees, shrubs, perennials and also ideal for container plants.

Multi-Purpose Compost

A specially formulated peat-based compost for all stages of plant growth. With the drainage and aerating benefits of peat, it is easy to handle and contains a balance of vital nutrients to ensure that your plants have all the energy they need. Also with a special wetting agent, enabling the compost to absorb water more easily.

Ericaceous Compost

This compost is carefully formulated to allow acid loving plants to flourish. It can be used in containers to provide exactly the right conditions for healthy growth or used in borders mixed into the soil around the planting hole to increase the acidity. This specially blended compost does not contain lime, making it the ideal choice for ericaceous plants providing all the performance benefits of this range of composts with the addition of a unique fertiliser that acidifies the soil for ericaceous plants.

Peat Free Multi-Purpose Compost with added John Innes

This is a revolutionary peat-free compost that combines the exceptional performance characteristics of Multi-Purpose Compost with added John Innes with a rich blend of natural ingredients that replaces peat without any loss of performance. It has been thoroughly tested to ensure that its performance is consistently as good, if not better, than standard Multi-Purpose Compost, so you can be confident of excellent results.

Irish Moss Peat

Top quality, medium grade sphagnum moss peat. Specially formulated to enrich, nourish and improve soil structure. Use before sowing new lawns, to condition soil and when planting trees and shrubs.

Top Soil

Specially selected sterilised and graded garden top soil that is lime and chalk free. Perfect for adding nutrients and organic structure to enhance beds and borders. Ideal for use when creating new beds, replacing old top soil or adding to compost.



Pick the right compost with our helpful guide.

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