

# POTTING SOILS AND SOIL AMENDMENTS

Swansons is pleased to offer a variety of high quality potting soils and soil amendments suited to your preference and garden situation.

POTTING SOILS are specially formulated for containers, to enhance root development and provide excellent drainage. They generally should not be used to amend garden soil.

SOIL AMENDMENTS (such as COMPOST) add organic matter to your soil. The integrity of your soil depends a lot on organic matter. As it breaks down into humus it improves the ability of soil to retain water and nutrients, and helps soil particles bind together to form structure in which water, air and roots can move freely. It also feeds beneficial soil microbes and fungi which in turn break down and transport nutrients to the roots.

Sandy soils (gritty and loose with large particles) need extra organic matter to improve the ability to hold water and nutrients in the root zone. In heavy clay soils (sticky when wet, powdery or chunky when dry), organic matter provides new air spaces for water to drain and roots to grow.

When adding amendments, work into existing soil as deeply as possible without disturbing existing roots. Never dig in soil that is saturated, as it will compact.

Swansons features high quality Gardner & Bloome® and E.B. Stone® soil products along with several specialty products. Please ask us if you have further questions!

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## Choices of soils or amendments for specific garden projects

### For POTTING SOIL:

(All Plants in Containers):

- Gardner & Bloome® Potting Soil
- E.B. Stone® Edna's Best™ Potting Soil
- Growers Best® Premium Soil

### For TOP MULCHING:

(Trees, Shrubs & Large Perennials):

- Gardner & Bloome® Soil Building Compost
- Swanson Wood Products® Bark Mulch

(Lawns):

(for overseeding...)

- Gardner & Bloome® Soil Building Compost
  - Gardner & Bloome® Premium Topsoil
- (for rejuvenating...)
- E.B. Stone® Earthworm Castings

### For AMENDING EXISTING SOIL:

(Trees & Shrubs):

- Gardner & Bloome® Soil Building Compost
- E.B. Stone® Planting Compost
- Gardner & Bloome® Premium Topsoil

(Vegetables):

- Gardner & Bloome® Harvest Supreme
- E.B. Stone® Planting Compost
- Gardner & Bloome® Farmyard Blend (Manure Blend)
- E.B. Stone® Earthworm Castings

(Perennials):

- Gardner & Bloome® Soil Building Compost
- E.B. Stone® Planting Compost

(Annuals):

- Gardner & Bloome® Harvest Supreme
- E.B. Stone® Planting Compost

Available Products  
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## POTTING SOILS



**Gardner & Bloome® Potting Soil:** An all-organic, general purpose potting soil, pH balanced with essential plant nutrients and special water-saving formula features to provide excellent plant health and growth. *Ingredients:* Fir bark, worm castings, redwood, peat moss, perlite, topsoil, chicken manure, bat guano, kelp meal, oyster shell, dolomite lime. 1 cu. ft. or 2 cu. ft. bags



**E.B. Stone® Edna's Best™ Potting Soil:** An organic, general purpose potting mix with 8 different strains of mycorrhizae. This blend also has yucca extract as a wetting agent to help rehydration. *Ingredients:* Composted fir bark, sphagnum peat moss, redwood compost, mushroom compost, pumice, earthworm castings, washed sand, kelp meal, bat guano, feather meal, gypsum, mycorrhizae, oyster shells, dolomite lime and yucca extract. 1.5 cu. ft. bags



**Growers Best® Premium Soil Media:** A coarse-textured, sterilized, non-soil potting mix specially blended for Northwest growing. Excellent drainage and air space, good for all containers, especially outdoor. *Ingredients:* Canadian sphagnum peat moss, pumice, sand and trace elements, perlite. 1 cu. ft. bags

## SOIL AMENDMENTS



**Gardner & Bloome® Soil Building Compost:** Great for all garden beds, especially vegetables. Fine textured, rich in organic matter, contains mycorrhizae for improved all-around plant health. Somewhat longer-lasting — slower to decompose. Also good for fall top mulching or for newly seeded lawns, spreading a light dusting over exposed seed. *Ingredients:* Humus, redwood, worm castings, bat guano, gypsum, kelp meal, oyster shell, dolomite lime and mycorrhizae. 3 cu. ft. bales



**Gardner & Bloome® Harvest Supreme:** Excellent for all vegetable and flower gardens. Provides abundant nutrients, helps break up clay soils and improves drainage. Also good lawn spot filler or top mulch. *Ingredients:* Fir bark, forest humus, rice hulls, 15% chicken manure, worm castings, bat guano, kelp meal, oyster shell, dolomite lime and mycorrhizae. 2 cu. ft. bags



**Gardner & Bloome® Farmyard Blend:** An all-purpose manure-based compost for any outdoor gardening project where a rich, high-yielding soil is desired. Provides abundant plant nutrients and helps improve physical soil structure. Makes a good lawn top dressing too. *Ingredients:* Composted dairy, steer and poultry farm manures blended with forest humus and rice hulls. 1.5 cu. ft. bags



**Gardner & Bloome® Premium Topsoil:** Quality topsoil pre-amended with long-lasting, composted organic materials—use right from the bag. Use it for garden projects such as filling-in and leveling low or uneven spots, or as a lawn seed cover. *Ingredients:* Sandy loam topsoil, forest humus, chicken manure, worm castings, oyster shell lime. 1 cu. ft. bags



**E.B. Stone® Planting Compost:** A genuine compost, blended for use in all soil types and for all types of outdoor gardening. *Ingredients:* Composted Wood Shavings, Redwood Compost, Composted Chicken Manure, Mushroom Compost, Fir Bark, Bat Guano, Kelp Meal and Alfalfa Meal. 1.5 cu. ft. bags



**E.B. Stone® Earthworm Castings:** A natural organic soil conditioner that helps loosens hard soils, improve soil aeration and conserve water. Naturally contains a large array of beneficial microbes. Excellent addition to native soils. *Ingredients:* 100% organic earthworm castings. 1 cu. ft. bags



**Swanson Wood Products® Bark Mulch:** Fine textured bark, best used as a top dressing to keep weeds down and soil moisture from evaporating. We recommend mulching 2-3 inches deep and keeping bark away from plant trunks. Note that when bark decomposes, it tends to bind up nitrogen in the soil, making it unavailable to plants. If plants in bark beds look pale or slower growing than normal, nitrogen fertilizer may need to be applied. *Ingredients:* Douglas fir and hemlock bark. 2 cu. ft. bags