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Soil Preparation

Container Vegetable Planting

Potting Mixes: Our potting mixes are light weight, relatively easy to handle, readily available and ready-to-use right out of the bag. A good choice is our **Ferti-lome Ultimate Potting Mix**.

Soil Mixes: This is heavier and you have to mix the following:
DO NOT USE straight topsoil from a bag for containers!!

1/3 of Bumper Crop (or peatmoss),

1/3 bagged topsoil

1/3 Vermiculite (or Perilite).

If a heavier mix is desired, substitute builders sand for the Vermiculite.

Fertilizer: Mix a slow release like Osmocote (lasts up to 3 months) into the mix prior to planting. Follow up with Ferti-lome's Blooming & Rooting or Schultz liquid plant food in the growing season as needed.

The Organic Way: Mix Espoma fertilizer (Garden tone, Tomato tone, etc.) into the mix and follow up with Neptunes Harvest Fertilizer about 4-6 weeks later, as needed.

Watering; Success with container gardening depends on proper watering. The exposure to wind and scorching sun will increase the demand for water. Water-holding gels (Soil Moist) can be incorporated into the soil mix. Water needs are quickly determined by using an easy to use moisture meter. Drip irrigation can be installed to make watering of numerous pots a lot easier.

