

## **Potting Soils & Amendments**

Windmill Gardens offers an assortment of high quality potting soils and amendments to help your garden from the roots up.

**Potting Soils:** specially formulated with less odor to use in containers, to enhance root development, and provide good drainage. In general, these should not be used to amend garden soil.

Soil Amendments (ie. Compost): add organic matter to your soil. The quality of your soil depends a lot on organic matter. As it breaks down, it helps make the soil retain water and nutrients, and helps soil particles bind together to form a structure through which water, air, and nutrients can move easily. It also feeds beneficial soil microbes and fungi which then break down to feed roots. When adding amendments, work into existing soil as deeply as possible without disturbing existing roots. Do not dig in saturated soil as it will compact.

**Sandy soils** (gritty and loose with large particles) need more organic matter to help hold water and nutrients in the root zone. Heavy Clay **soils** (sticky when wet, powdery or chunky when dry) use organic matter to create new air spaces for water to drain and roots to grow.

**Potting Soil Options** (for all plants in containers)

Windmill Premium Potting Soil Use the soil that we use in our containers and beds! Dr. Earth Pot of Gold 100% organic recommended for all indoor and outdoor potting. Gardner & Bloome Blue Ribbon Organic blend for containers, raised beds and more. Gardner & Bloome Potting Soil Organic ph balanced soil. Special water saving formula.

## **Soil Amendments**

Gardner & Bloome Soil Building Compost Great for all garden beds, especially vegetables. Slow to decompose. Nice for fall top mulching or dusting over newly seeded lawns.

Gardner & Bloome Harvest Supreme Good choice for all vegetable and flower gardens. Nutrient rich; helps break up clay soils, and provides great drainage. Good lawn spot filler.

Gardner & Bloome Top Soil Contains long lasting composted organic materials great for tree/ shrub planting. Great to fill in uneven spots or as a lawn seed cover.

**Gardner & Bloome Farmyard Blend** Manure based compost for outdoor gardens. Abundant nutrients help with high yields and improves physical soil structure.

Gardner & Bloome Worm-gro Excellent to improve native soils. Helps loosen hard soils, improve soil aeration, and conserve water.

