

Which Mix to plant with – Garden Mix, Nutrasoil or Topsoil?

Planting a new garden – some flowers, vegetables or shrubs? Use our top-selling product **Living Earth Garden Mix**.

Garden Mix is:

- Ready to plant straight into
- 100% weed-free
- Contains **Living Earth Compost**
- Contains fertilisers

How to Use

- Layer over topsoil in existing gardens to 200-300mm
- Fill raised beds, compacting lightly as this mix will settle down, with watering and over time
- Raised beds: leave a gap of 3cm from the top of edge to make watering easier

Planting some large trees or a hedge? Try our **Nutrasoil**.

Nutrasoil is:

- A heavier textured mix, containing fertiliser and topsoil
- Better suited to plants that develop larger root systems
- Good to use in the clay of Auckland
- Although not guaranteed weed-free, it is a great mix for larger plants

How to Use

- Use in garden to top up areas to be planted
- Work into clay soils and use to fill in the planting hole

Topsoil is:

- Ideal for bulking up gardens under planting mixes, as a sub-base for lawns, before layering on lawn mix
- Like normal garden soil
- Comes from either Auckland or the Waikato area
- **Waikato Topsoil** is a sandy loamy soil, with no or very little clay

How to Use

- Use soil to level garden areas or behind retaining walls, before adding Garden Mix
- Build lawns up to the desired level with soil, before applying lawn mix. Fill holes and gaps with soil.

General Tips

If you are not using the soils and mixes immediately, then it is advisable to cover the pile to protect it from becoming over-wet or over-dry and to avoid air-blown weed seeds germinating in it.

Allow for shrinkage - all soils and mixes settle. Garden Mix compacts down the most, so allow a bit extra when you buy, especially when filling raised beds.

Planting - soak the root-ball of the plant in a bucket of water to moisten roots, especially in spring, summer periods

Watering - All plants should be watered regularly after planting, particularly in drier weather

To give newly planted areas a great start, apply Reharvest Mulch on top of Garden Mix or Nutrasoil.

This aids moisture retention at the roots where it's needed and keeps weeds at bay.

Our standard Loan Trailers, which are free to borrow, carry 1 cubic metre of either Garden Mix, Nutrasoil or Topsoil.

CHECKLIST

- Mix: Garden Mix, Nutrasoil or Topsoil
- Shovel
- Reharvest Enviromulch
- Loan trailer (if needed)