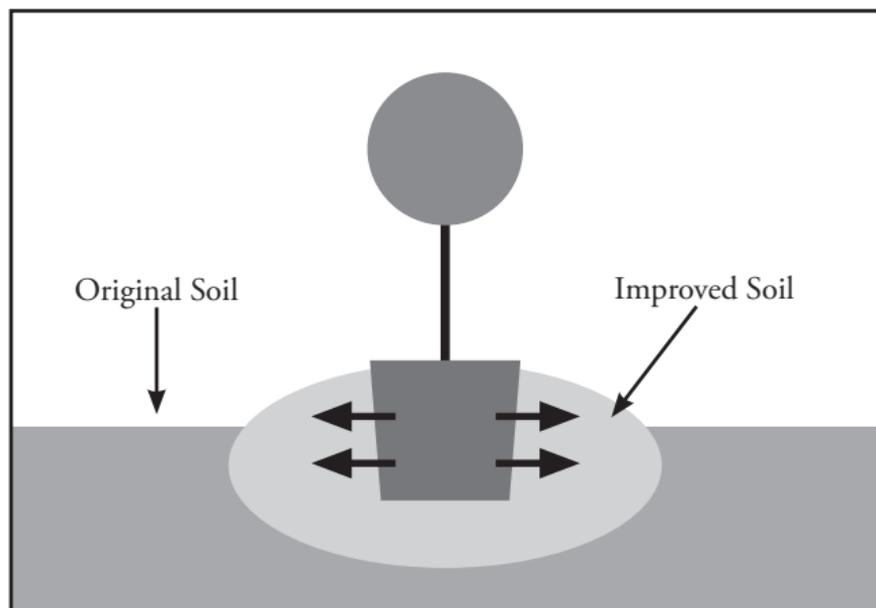


SOIL PREPARATION

THE KEY TO GARDEN SUCCESS

Soil preparation is the key to success in any garden. It determines how quickly your plants grow and contributes to good flowering and excellent health. Dig plenty of organic matter through existing beds prior to planting. Our recommendation is Zoo Grow Compost. It consists of zoo animal manure, soiled animal bedding and composted garden clippings, making it nutritionally sound and ideal for improving soil structure. The addition of Osmocote will also be of benefit. This is a slow release fertiliser releasing nutrients throughout the growing season at a controlled rate depending on temperature. This makes feeding easy and ensures your plants receive the essential daily nutrients when they are needed most. Be sure to dig a hole a little deeper than the pot and at least twice as wide.

If you have a clay soil be sure to add gypsum at the rate of 2kg per square metre and turn through to a spades depth. The addition of sand will also improve drainage. For a sandy soil add Debco



'Mulch and Feed' to help retain moisture and nutrients in the soil. The addition of organic material will also open up clay soils over a longer period of time.

Consider soil pH. Most plants will grow happily in a pH of 6 - 7. If you have a concern bring us in a sample of soil and we will do a free pH test for you.

When planting out, lightly score the root ball in four or five places down the side to encourage root growth into the prepared soil. Be sure to build up a mound of soil and plant into an elevated mound. This assists in good drainage.

We do not stock nor recommend mushroom compost due to its tendency to be dangerously alkaline.

*For any further advice on soil preparation or any other garden issue please speak to our friendly qualified nursery staff, available 7 days a week.
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