

## SOIL PREPERATION GUIDE



Horticare plant experts have proven that thorough soil preparation whenever you plant a brand new garden or pot (or replant an existing garden area or pot) is CRUCIAL for gardening success.

Plants gain strength and vitality from nutrients brought up from the soil every time they're watered. Each watering depletes the soil somewhat until, eventually, minimal nutrients remain. That is why it is necessary to revitalize or "amend" soil for new plantings and to add fertilizer to the soil of existing plants. New plantings that fail to flourish for no visible reason (mildew, insects, etc.) have probably been placed in soil that was too nutrient-depleted to serve as a proper host for healthy, vibrant plant material.

Horticare recommends the following steps to create your own gardening success story:

### ***FOR POTS AND BASKETS***

Use Horticare's Potting Soil and Horticare's Flower Food

After years of careful research, Horticare experts formulated what we feel are by far the best soil prep products available. We encourage you to give them a try. You'll literally see the difference.

**Step 1:** Combine 8 oz. (1 cup) Nursery Special with one cubic foot of our Potting Soil.

**Step 2:** Mix soil and fertilizer together and put in pot or basket.

**Step 3:** Place plant(s) in pot or basket and plant.

**Step 4:** Water thoroughly.

**Step 5:** After 2 weeks, feed with our flower food every 2 weeks according to the directions on the label.

### ***FOR A SMALL GARDEN***

Use Horticare Planting Mix and Horticare Flower Food

**Step 1:** Mix Horticare Planting Mix (2 cubic feet) and native soil together to a depth of at least 6 inches - deeper is better

**Step 2:** Level the mixture. Soil is now ready for planting.

**Step 3:** Following planting, water thoroughly.

**Step 4:** After 2 weeks, feed with our flower food every 2 weeks according to directions on the label.