

# RECIPES FOR SUCCESS

Create custom soil mixes for healthy, happy plants

## Indoor Geraniums

- 2 parts heavy potting soil
- 1 part peat moss
- 1 part sharp builder's or coarse sand or perlite
- Add 1 tbsp (15ml) crushed eggshells or oyster shells per each 1 quart (1L) of soil mix

## African Violets

- 2 parts peat moss
- 1 part heavy potting soil
- 1 part vermiculite
- Add 1 tbsp (15ml) bonemeal per each 1 quart (1L) of soil mix

## Other Houseplants

- 2 parts heavy potting soil
- 1 part peat moss
- 1 part perlite

## Seed Starting

- 8 parts peat moss
- 1 part perlite
- 1 part vermiculite

## Hanging baskets

- Equal part garden soil, peat moss and vermiculite

## Window boxes and Outdoor containers

- 2 parts garden soil
- 1 part peat moss
- 1 part vermiculite or perlite

## Propagating Cuttings

- 2 parts vermiculite
- 1 part coarse sand

## Bulb Forcing

- 2 parts coarse sand
- 1 part garden soil

## Succulents (Including Cacti) and Alpines in Containers

- 2 parts sharp builder's sand
- 1 part perlite
- 1 part heavy potting soil
- 1 part peat moss



Use the following mixes when planting a new potted or bareroot shrub, or when transplanting the following:

## Roses

- (use 1 bushel per shrub)
- 2 parts sharp builders sand
- 1 part peat moss
- 1 part composted manure
- 1 part garden soil

## Rhododendrons and other Ericaceous (Acid Loving) Plants

(use 2 bushels per shrub)

- 2 parts peat moss
- 2 parts shredded bark
- 1 part composted manure
- 1 part garden soil
- 1 part sharp builders sand
- Add 1 cup (250ml) horticultural sulfur (per bushel)
- Add 1 cup (250ml) Bloodmeal (per bushel)

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