



Spent Mushroom Compost

Installation Guide



Lawns Trees & Shrubs Vegetable Gardens

New Lawns: Till & rake area so soil surface is smooth prior to seeding, or installing sod. Apply compost over entire area (1-2"). Apply seed or sod during recommended period of time for your region.



Existing Lawns: Spread about 1/2" - 1" of compost annually as topdressing to warm seasons lawns. Water thoroughly. It is recommended to core aerate prior to topdressing to reduce compaction and improve moisture holding capacity. It is best to apply in the spring just prior to the active growing season for best results. Consider nutrients contained in the compost prior to applying fertilization.

New Trees & Shrubs: Dig hole 2x the width of the root ball or container. Mix compost with excavated soil using 1 part compost to 3 parts soil. Root ball should sit slightly higher than the final grade. Place plant in hole; fill with water, allowing it to soak in. Then backfill with the mixed soil. Due to the high salt content of most compost, it is usually not recommended to use in the establishment of salt sensitive annuals.



Existing: Annually, in the early spring, spread 1-2" of compost as topdressing to trees and shrubs. Water thoroughly. Topdressing helps reduce compaction and improves moisture holding capacity. Consider nutrients contained in the compost prior to applying fertilization.

New Gardens: Compost should be uniformly applied over entire garden area about 1-2" in depth and tilled into the soil about 6-8" not to exceed 25% compost rates. If you are growing vegetables that



require extremely dry soil, add 25% potting soil conditioner. If you are growing salt sensitive crops (i.e. strawberries), you may want to lower your application rate; higher application rates may be used for plants that require greater amounts of fertilizer (i.e. tomatoes).

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