

Advice from Chestnut Nursery

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The best compost for excellent results

For us nursery growers, using quality compost at the right time is probably the most important factor in growing healthy plants. That is why we take great pride in ensuring we offer the highest quality growing mediums to our customers. And it's through years of experience that we can advise with confidence. Here at the nursery we offer dozens of different types of compost carefully selected for their performance across a range of applications. So as a consumer, what should you be looking out for?

Do you want peat based or peat free? Peat compost is still the best performing medium but the new generations of peat free are getting better all the time. We recommend Melcourt products which are endorsed by the RHS and suitable for vegans.

How and what do you intend to grow? For hanging baskets and containers, use a moisture control compost. If you want to grow plants such as Camellias and Rhododendrons then you will need an ericaceous compost. For all other applications a quality multi-purpose will do, from seed sowing to potting on, planting out and growing veg. And if you want that extra 'zip' of performance then added John Innes will aid in drainage and lock in nutrients.

All composts have a limited amount of fertiliser added to cover the first few weeks of growth. Beyond this stage you will need to feed your plants, either regularly with liquid feeds or by incorporating slow release granules.

If in doubt, give us a shout and we will be happy to share our many years of experience with you to make sure your plants flourish.

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