



### SOILS

Soils in the Pacific Northwest vary in content, quality, and fertility. Because native soils and organic amendments are used in our products, no specific claims of soil fertility or performance can be made. None of Sky's soils have added fertilizer, so we recommend using good organic fertilizer with all soil types. Garden lime is also recommended for lawns, vegetable gardens, and most ornamental plantings except of acid-loving plants (rhododendrons, evergreens, Japanese maples, native plants, and blueberries).

### THREE WAY MIX

Three Way Mix is composed of sandy loam, sand, compost and Fertil-Mulch®. It is recommended for grade changes, berms, and for general use. When planting, enrich it by adding additional Fertil-Mulch®, Cedar Grove Compost, or other compost, as well as the appropriate fertilizer.

### PLANTING MIX (TOPSOIL)

This is our soil blend for ornamental beds. Planting Mix consists of Three Way mix combined with Cedar Grove Compost, Fertil-Mulch®, and sand. It is our best soil for general use. It can be incorporated into ornamental planting beds, used for grade changes or to top dress a lawn, and used to fill in general garden beds or berms. Planting Mix is not recommended for filling containers; Sky recommends using commercial potting soil instead.

### RAISED BED MIX

Raised Bed Mix is a fifty-fifty mix of Planting Mix and Cedar Grove Compost. It is designed for filling raised garden beds, and is also a good mix to fill very large containers such as veggie bins, whiskey barrels, or Tartar tubs. It is not recommended for use indoors or in smaller containers. It is suitable for growing both ornamentals and edibles.

### MULCHES

"Mulch" is a generic term used to describe any material, organic or inorganic, placed on the ground around plants. It's primary use is to control weeds, conserve soil moisture and protect soil from compaction. A wide variety of materials can be used as mulches: Cardboard, shredded bark, sawdust, ground wood products, chipped tree branches (arbor chips), fall leaves, grass clippings (best when dry), nut shells and compost.

### FERTIL-MULCH®

Fertil-Mulch® is a screened mixture of composted manure and sawdust. It has a dark color and slightly more nutrients than bark mulches. It can also be mixed into the soil for ornamental plantings to lighten the soil and is especially good for improving heavy clay soils.

### **BARK MULCH**

Sky carries four bark mulches. These consist of mixed fir and hemlock bark in medium fine and extra fine grades, plus a coarse shredded bark and a small nugget bark.

### **CEDAR PLAY CHIPS**

Made from untreated cedar wood. The chips range in size from 1" to 6" in length and may have sharp edges. They are good in pathways, children's play areas, or dog runs. Cedar is slightly toxic to other plants.

### **OTHER MULCHES**

Other mulches Sky carries include. **Hazelnut shells**, good for foot paths, plus it provides some slug protection and helps to cool soils. **Lime chips** can be used as a mini-mulch around individual hellebores or other acid-hating plants; these chips slowly release calcium into the soil, sweetening it.

### **COMPOST & AMENDMENTS**

Compost is great mixed into soil for retaining moisture, adding nutrients, and improving your soil texture.

### **CEDAR GROVE COMPOST**

Cedar Grove Compost is a screened organic material made from composted green waste and food waste from the urban recycling program. No chemicals or sludge by-products are added. It contains nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and a wide range of micronutrients. Inert particles and pieces are commonly found in the green waste stream; some level of inert material may still be present after the product is processed. These materials will not harm your plants, vegetables, or landscape.

### **OTHER COMPOSTS, MANURES & AMENDMENTS**

Sky carries a number of amendments including:

**EB Stone Planting Compost** made up of ground, composted wood products.

**G&B Soil Building Conditioner** made up of lightly shredded wood products to lighten and enrich the soil.

**Harvest Supreme** a similar product to Soil Building Conditioner with manure added, used in vegetable garden soils.

**EB Stone Soil Booster** and **Cedar Grove Booster Blend**, mixture of compost and manures.

**Chicken Manure, Steer Manure** and **Earthworm Castings** that are mixed into the soil improving soil texture and adding nutrients.