

## Our Suggested Recipe for Filling Circle Beds.

Materials suggested for a 2' tall garden circle.

- Piece of 10' wide ground cover fabric (optional) under the bed to prevent weeds
- 2" of straw, wood chips, or mulch at the bottom to aid drainage
- 12" of compost (use about 4" for a 1' tall circle) Alternative: use or topsoil/compost mix
- 6" of a well cultivated mixture of
  - 2" of compost (2")
  - 2" of topsoil (1.5"),
  - 1.5" of Sunshine Organic Mix#1 (peat & perlite). Alternative: sphagnum peat
  - 0.5" of sand
  - top dressing of alfalfa pellets (optional)

Leave approximately 4 inches of unfilled space at the top for growing and protecting seedlings .

Suggested amounts of materials for garden circles of different diameters and heights are as follows:

<u>Diameter</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>1"= cu ft</u>	<u>Compost</u>	<u>Topsoil</u>	<u>Promix or or Peat</u>	<u>Sand</u>	<u>Straw</u>
			in. cu'	in. cu'	in. cu'	in. cu'	in. cu'
5 ft	2 ft	1.6	14" 22.4	2" 3.2	1.5" 2.4	0.5" 0.8	2.0" 3.2
5 ft	1 ft	1.6	8" 12.8	2" 3.2	1.5" 2.4	0.5" 0.8	2.0" 3.2
4 ft	2 ft	1.0	14" 14.0	2" 2.0	1.5" 1.5	0.5" 0.5	2.0" 3.2
4 ft	1 ft	1.0	8" 8.0	2" 2.0	1.5" 1.5	0.5" 0.5	2.0" 3.2
3 ft	2 ft	0.6	14" 8.4	2" 1.2	1.5" 0.9	0.5" 0.3	2.0" 3.2
3 ft	1 ft	0.6	8" 4.8	2" 1.2	1.5" 0.9	0.5" 0.3	2.0" 3.2

<u>Materials</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Delivered as</u>	<u>Bag size</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
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Materials available to our Circle Bed customers for pick up by arrangement at the Gardens:

Compost - Mushroom	ROTCG	55 cu yd lots	--	\$15/cu yd; (.56/cu ft ;.50/ 5 gal. bucket)
SunshineOrganicMix #1	ROTCG	3.8 cu' bale	--	1.50/cu ft; 1.20/5 gal bucket
Ground Cover Fabric	ROTCG	10'x300' rolls	--	1.00/ft
Protection Fabric 0.5oz	ROTCG	12'x500' rolls	--	.50/ft
Protection Fabric 1.5oz	ROTCG	12'x250' rolls	--	1.00/ft

Materials available at retail stores (e.g., Home Depot)

Leaf Compost	Meadows Farms	1.5 cu'		5.00 per bag; 34.99/cu yd
Topsoil	Meadows Farms	~0.5 cu' (40lb)		2.49 per bag
Compost/topsoil 50:50	Meadows Farms	--		\$40 per cu yd
Topsoil - Garden Pro	Home Depot	~.5 cu'(40lb)		1.69 per bag
Sphagnum Peat Moss	Home Depot	3 cu' bale		10.48 per bale
Sand - Pavestone	Home Depot	0.5 cu'		3.82 per bag