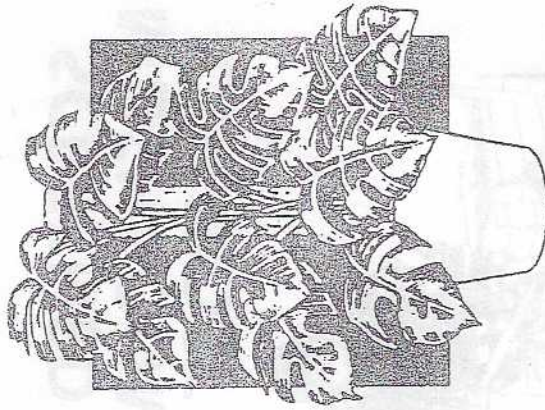


WHAT IS SCREENED MUSHROOM COMPOST?

Mushroom compost is an organic mixture formulated for modern mushroom production. The compost is formulated from a mixture containing straw and stable bedding, which is fortified with organic supplements such as peat moss, cocoa bean shells, soybeans, and cottonseed meal. After the mushrooms are harvested, the material is called "spent" or "used".



WHAT ARE THE MAJOR USES OF SCREENED MUSHROOM COMPOST?

Screened mushroom compost has been used for generations as a soil ameliorant to improve soil tilth and to provide nutrients that are slowly released up to a 4 to 6 year period. Other basic applications of mushroom compost include its use as a growing media for ornamental, flowering, and vegetable crops, or to incorporate it in soil when a lawn is being established.

ANY OTHER USES?

Land reclamation at old strip coal mine sites and construction of wet lands for water treatment are other major uses for screened mushroom compost. Mushroom compost helps achieve the dual goals of beautifying the countryside, and making sure that the land and water are not negatively impacted.

In addition, mushroom compost has been approved by the USGA as an acceptable top mix for golf course greens. Golf courses in our area have used the material with very satisfactory results.

IS THE MATERIAL CLEAN?

Before removing compost from our building, steam is injected into the room and the air temperature is raised to 160° where it is held for 4 to 6 hours to kill any pests and pathogens that may be present in the compost. The material is then run through a screener to breakup clumps and remove garbage. For users of screened compost, the material is free of weeds and insects that could be a nuisance.

MUSHROOM COMPOST CONTAINS SOLUBLE SALTS. WON'T THEY BURN MY CROPS?

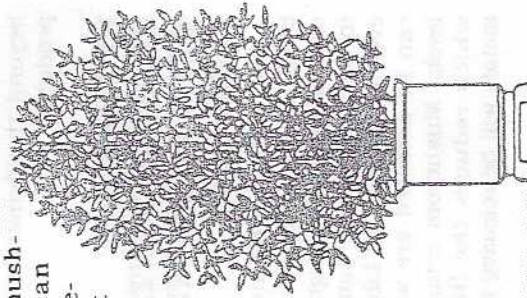
Mushroom compost can easily be leached to remove excess salts. When using indoors with potted plants, simply water in heavily 3 - 4 times to reduce salt levels to acceptable ranges. Outdoor aging of the compost material will also reduce salt levels.

USES AS A FIELD SOIL AMENDMENT:

Mushroom compost can be applied at rates of 1.5" to 6" per acre to fields. 6" of the material equates to approximately 400 tons per acre.

Mushroom compost adds organic matter to the soil. Nutrients from screened compost are released about 10% per year so the organic matter breaks down slowly in the soil while at the same time providing nutrients plants need for their growth and survival.

With a pH range of 6.5 to 7.5, mushroom compost has the ability to modify the pH of the soil over a long period of time. It is possible that mushroom compost can supply the lime requirements of most of the soils in the region.



USES IN A GREEN HOUSE OR NURSERY OPERATION:

There are many basic uses for mushroom compost in a greenhouse or nursery operation. Some are as follows:

1. Use as a container growing medium.
2. Use as a field soil amendment for stock beds.
3. Use as a plant bed mix.
4. Use as a top dressing to beds.
5. Use as a mulch around plants.
6. Use as an aid in lawn installation.

HOW DOES MUSHROOM COMPOST COMPARE WITH THE COMPOSTED MATERIAL OF MUNICIPAL REFUSE, LEAVES, OR OTHER WASTES?

Mushroom composting is a very advanced form of composting since the end product must be selective for mushroom growth. The compost must be a food source with very high biological conversion potential, i.e. from compost ingredients to harvested mushrooms. The quality assurance and consistency required for mushroom compost is well beyond the demands of composting waste products.

IS THERE AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN WITH USING MUSHROOM COMPOST?

The mushroom industry is fortunate because it produces a product that is environmentally benign. Most heavy metals in our mushroom compost are too low to even be detected in lab analysis. Those that can be detected are well below acceptable levels. Mushroom compost is quite alkaline, which reduces the likelihood that heavy metals will be released into the environment.

AVERAGE MUSHROOM COMPOST ANALYSIS:

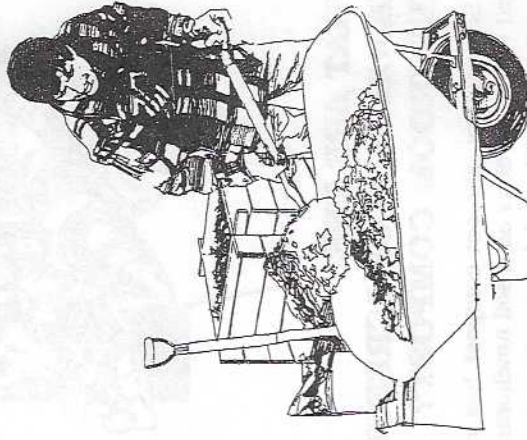
Moisture	40 - 60%
Total Nitrogen (N)	2 - 3%
Total Potassium (P)	.5 - 1%
Total Potash (K)	.4 - 1%
Chlorides (cl)	.3 - .5%
pH	6.5 - 7.5
Mg (PPM)	500 - 1,000
Calcium (PPM)	4,000 - 6,500
Iron (PPM)	3 - 6
Manganese (PPM)	5 - 11
Zinc (PPM)	2 - 6
Cu (PPM)	.1 - .8
Boron (PPM)	.5 - 1.5
Heavy Metals	All very low
Bulk Density	1,000-1,400 lbs/cu. yd.

When you order this product, you will find that the material is very clean and free of any contaminants. This is because the material is produced from a very clean source. The material is also very rich in nutrients, which makes it an excellent source of food for mushrooms. The material is also very easy to use, and it is very safe for your health. The material is also very easy to store, and it is very easy to transport. The material is also very easy to use, and it is very safe for your health. The material is also very easy to store, and it is very easy to transport.

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