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SUPPLIER OF HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS
MELCOURT INDUSTRIES LIMITED
TETBURY



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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES
SUPPLIER AND MANUFACTURER OF
PEAT-FREE ORGANIC GROWING MEDIUMS
MELCOURT INDUSTRIES LIMITED
TETBURY

Melcourt[®] Industries Limited



**Retail
Catalogue
2023-24**

From 1 July 2023

Peat-free since 1983

Peat-free products are here to stay and Melcourt continues to lead the way. A true sense of partnership and support down the line, to our mutual and profitable benefit. That's why more garden centres than ever are stocking our products.



The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) endorsement of many Melcourt products is boosting sales – and those sales could be going through your checkout. The RHS is one of the world's leading horticultural organisations and the UK's leading gardening charity with over 600,000 members, over 2.9 million annual visitors to their five gardens, and RHS.org.uk welcomes over 31 million users every year. Melcourt Industries Ltd are the only supplier of these kinds of products that fulfil the requirements of, and are endorsed by, the RHS.

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With thanks to Leaf Creative, Huntley.

Dear Retailer,

We are delighted to present to you the Melcourt Stockist Catalogue 2023–24.

Although not the biggest supplier to the market, through sheer hard work and determination, it is fair to say that our peat-free products are widely recognised as amongst the best that you can buy.

Melcourt SylvaGrow products are unique in being endorsed by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). Melcourt are the very proud holders of two Royal Warrants. Furthermore, products in the SylvaGrow range have frequently achieved Which? Gardening 'Best Buy' awards.

We are constantly looking to add new products to our range. If you have any suggestions as to any new lines that you would like us to consider, please let me know. If you would like additional hard copies of our new catalogue, for your staff, please call us on 01666 502711.

May we all at Melcourt take this opportunity to say a big **thank you** to all of our loyal customers for their past business, and we look forward to welcoming new customers during 2023/24.

Best wishes,

Andy Chalmers

Managing Director
Melcourt Industries Ltd

Membership/Association/Affiliation/Endorsement

Look out for FSC®-certified products. Only products identified as such are FSC®-certified products.

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The future of gardening is peat-free, and Melcourt is leading the way.

SylvaGrow® Compost



SYLVAGROW® MULTI-PURPOSE

BESTSELLER

Superb quality 100% peat-free compost as used by professionals. Suitable for a wide range of garden applications including potting-on, containers and planting out.



Bag Size	40 Litres
Product Code	7653
Bags Per Pallet	75
Pack Weight	15–16kg
Barcode	5060157811510



Bag Size	15 Litres
Product Code	7244
Bags Per Pallet	105
Pack Weight	5–7kg
Barcode	5060157810353



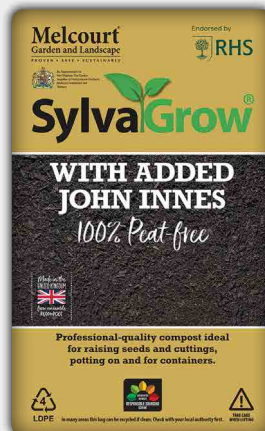
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Multi-Purpose
contains
NO green
waste

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This
product is
Vegan
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SYLVAGROW® WITH ADDED JOHN INNES

Superb quality 100% peat-free compost as used by professionals, with added loam. Suitable for a wide range of garden applications including raising seeds and cuttings, potting-on and containers.



Bag Size	40 Litres
Product Code	7654
Bags Per Pallet	75
Pack Weight	17–18kg
Barcode	5060157811527



Bag Size	15 Litres
Product Code	7245
Bags Per Pallet	105
Pack Weight	6–7kg
Barcode	5060157810377



SylvaGrow
With Added John Innes
contains
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SYLVAGROW® ORGANIC

Top quality 100% peat-free compost based on a formula used by professional organic growers throughout the UK. Suitable for a wide range of garden applications, including seeds, potting-on, planting out and raised beds.



Bag Size	40 Litres
Product Code	7652
Bags Per Pallet	75
Pack Weight	15–16kg
Barcode	5050157811534



Bag Size	15 Litres
Product Code	7246
Bags Per Pallet	105
Pack Weight	5–7kg
Barcode	5060157810667

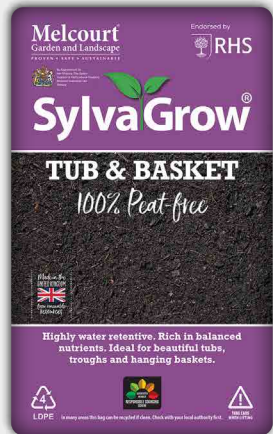


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SOIL ASSOCIATION
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SYLVAGROW® TUB & BASKET

Superb quality 100% peat-free compost for tubs, troughs and hanging baskets. Contains water-retaining aid for effective ease of management. Suitable for a wide range of garden applications where higher moisture-holding capacity is needed.



Bag Size	40 Litres
Product Code	7655
Bags Per Pallet	75
Pack Weight	15–16kg
Barcode	5060157811541



Bag Size	15 Litres
Product Code	7247
Bags Per Pallet	105
Pack Weight	5–7kg
Barcode	5060157811084



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SYLVAGROW® ERICACEOUS

Professional-quality container and planting compost ideal for lime-hating plants such as azaleas, rhododendrons and blueberries.



Bag Size	40 Litres
Product Code	7656
Bags Per Pallet	75
Pack Weight	15–16kg
Barcode	5060157811558



Bag Size	15 Litres
Product Code	7248
Bags Per Pallet	105
Pack Weight	5–7kg
Barcode	5060157810384



SylvaGrow
ERICACEOUS
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NO green
waste

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ALL-PURPOSE PEAT-FREE COMPOST™

Good quality 100% peat-free compost suitable for a wide range of applications including potting-on and planting out. Friable and free-flowing texture.



Bag Size	40 Litres
Product Code	7658
Bags Per Pallet	75
Pack Weight	16–18kg
Barcode	5060157811572



100%
peat-free
COMPOST

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SylvaGrow® Compost



SYLVAGROW® PLANTER

BESTSELLER

Superb quality planter enabling the growing of a wide of range fruit and vegetables. Extra depth for more roots and easier management. Professional peat-free formulation.

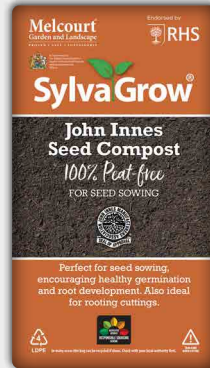


Bag Size	45 Litres
Product Code	7231
Bags Per Pallet	60
Pack Weight	16–17kg
Barcode	5060157811060



SYLVAGROW® JOHN INNES SEED COMPOST

Ideal for seed sowing, encouraging germination and healthy root development. Also ideal for rooting cuttings.

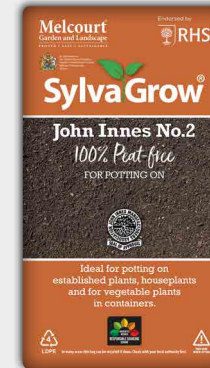


Bag Size	15 Litres
Product Code	7249
Bags Per Pallet	105
Pack Weight	6–7kg
Barcode	5060157811244



SYLVAGROW® JOHN INNES No.2

Potting-on compost. Ideal for potting-on established plants, houseplants and for vegetable plants in containers. Friable and free-flowing texture.

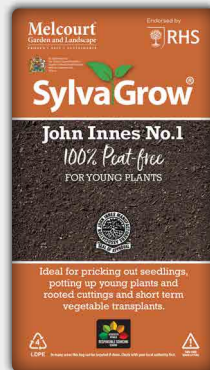


Bag Size	15 Litres
Product Code	7251
Bags Per Pallet	105
Pack Weight	9–11kg
Barcode	5060157811220



SYLVAGROW® JOHN INNES No.1

Young plant compost. Ideal for pricking out seedlings, potting up young plants, rooted cuttings and short term vegetable transplants. Friable and free-flowing texture.



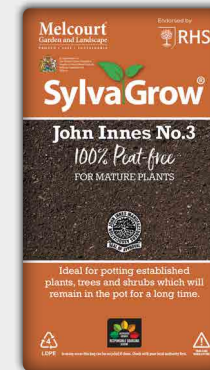
Bag Size	15 Litres
Product Code	7250
Bags Per Pallet	105
Pack Weight	9–11kg
Barcode	5060157811213



SYLVAGROW® JOHN INNES No.3

BESTSELLER

Mature plant compost. Ideal for potting established plants, trees, shrubs, climbers, fruit bushes, vines and plants which are to remain in the pot for a long time. Friable and free-flowing texture.



Bag Size	15 Litres
Product Code	7252
Bags Per Pallet	105
Pack Weight	9–11kg
Barcode	5060157811237



Planting Media, Soil Improvers & Topsoil

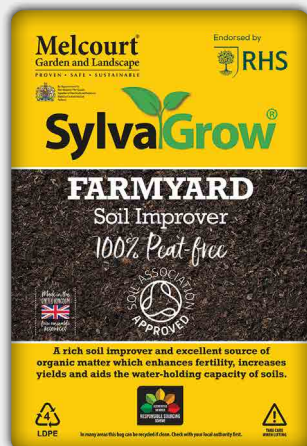


Bulk Bag details, see pages 18–19.

FARMYARD SOIL IMPROVER

BESTSELLER

A rich source of organic matter for all soils, adding nutrients, improving fertility and yield, soil structure and workability and enhancing water-holding capacity.

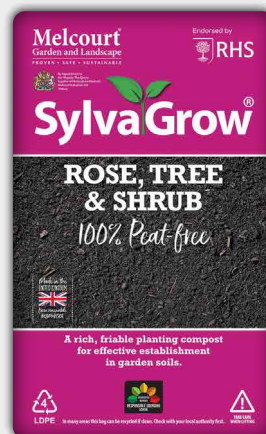


Bag Size	50 Litres
Product Code	7228
Bags Per Pallet	60
Pack Weight	14–20kg
Barcode	5060157810698



ROSE, TREE & SHRUB PLANTING COMPOST

A 100% peat-free planting compost for the successful establishment and growth of trees and shrubs. Extremely popular and regularly used by professional landscape contractors.



Bag Size	40 Litres
Product Code	7657
Bags Per Pallet	75
Pack Weight	15–16kg
Barcode	5060157811565



COMPOSTED FINE BARK™

BESTSELLER

Rich, bark-based soil conditioner. Improves a soil's texture by adding organic matter, thus helping to lighten heavy/clay soil whilst aiding moisture-holding capacity of light/sandy soils. Free-flowing and easy to incorporate into soil. Nominal particle size 0–10mm.



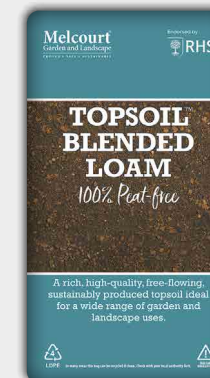
Bag Size	50 Litres
Product Code	7573
Bags Per Pallet	60
Pack Weight	22–24kg
Barcode	5060157810049



TOPSOIL™ BLENDED LOAM

BESTSELLER

A carefully formulated, free-flowing, sandy loam topsoil. Ideal for a wide range of garden and landscape uses including planters and raised beds. Easy to handle and virtually stone free. And peat-free. Conforms to BS 3882:2015.



Bag Size	20 Litres
Product Code	7506
Bags Per Pallet	49
Pack Weight	17–21 kg
Barcode	5060157810469



Bark Mulches



Bulk Bag details,
see pages 18–19.

SPRUCE ORNAMENTAL™

BESTSELLER

A versatile conifer bark mulch. Use on garden borders and landscaped areas. Nominal particle size 5–35mm. Fire tested in accordance with BS 4790:1987.



Bag Size	60 Litres
Product Code	5065
Bags per pallet	50
Pack Weight	19–20kg
Barcode	5060157810681



This product is
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ORNAMENTAL BARK MULCH™

A great-looking, long-lasting pine, larch, and Douglas fir bark. Use on decorative beds, borders and tubs. Nominal particle size 5–25mm. Fire tested in accordance with BS 4790:1987.



Bag Size	60 Litres
Product Code	5067
Bags Per Pallet	50
Pack Weight	16–17kg
Barcode	5060157810704



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BARK NUGGETS®

An extremely popular chunky bark mulch. Use for larger garden & landscape applications. Nominal particle size 15–65mm. Fire tested in accordance with BS 4790:1987.



Bag Size	60 Litres
Product Code	5066
Bags Per Pallet	50
Pack Weight	16–17kg
Barcode	5060157810728



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PINE MINI CHIPS™

A neat, well-screened pine bark mulch. Use for pots, tubs, containers and borders. Nominal particle size 3–18mm. Fire tested in accordance with BS 4790:1987.



Bag Size	60 Litres
Product Code	5100
Bags Per Pallet	50
Pack Weight	18–19kg
Barcode	5060157810711



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SYLVABARK® PINE BARK FLAKES

Supreme, chunky, professional-quality, highly-screened bark. For pots, tubs, beds and borders. Nominal particle size 18–35mm.



Bag Size	50 Litres
Product Code	5093
Bags Per Pallet	60
Pack Weight	11–12kg
Barcode	5060157810322



SYLVABARK® PINE MINI MULCH

Supreme, neat, highly-screened, professional-quality bark. Use for mulching pots, planters, tubs and borders. Nominal particle size 3–18mm.



Bag Size	50 Litres
Product Code	5094
Bags Per Pallet	60
Pack Weight	11–12kg
Barcode	5060157810315



Key Melcourt contacts: see inside back cover.

Best Sellers within their category.

BESTSELLER

We have learnt by experience over many years, which are the key stock items from our extensive product range. Look for the key stock items BESTSELLER symbol—the sales team would be delighted to go through this with you.



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Point of Sale

Unique point of sale support material to help boost sales.

Correx Header Boards

Large: 900mm (w) x 600mm (h) • Small: 600mm x 400mm



Natural Choice Aggregates Tactile Display Board

5mm • Size: 400mm (w) x 400mm (h)

Wide Display Banners

Size: 1600mm (w) x 700mm (h)



Countertop Display

Mini-bulk bag & product sampler.
Polypropylene bag for product and Correx board.

Board: 250mm (w) x 670mm (h)

Bag: 320mm (w) x 330mm (h)

Natural Play Surfaces

Endorsed by
 RHS

PLAYCHIPS® SOFTWOOD/HARDWOOD

A specially processed and screened woodchip. Dust and fines removed. Contains >90% wood.

Nominal particle size 5–40mm. Tested in accordance with BS EN 1176 and 1177.

Fire tested in accordance with BS4790:1987.



Softwood

Bag Size	60 Litres
Product Code	6048
Bags Per Pallet	50
Pack Weight	15–16kg
Barcode	5060157810742



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Hardwood

Bag Size	60 Litres
Product Code	6049
Bags Per Pallet	50
Pack Weight	16–17kg
Barcode	5060157810759



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Please note:
Dual-purpose printed polybag will
indicate as per order whether
contents are Softwood
or Hardwood.

Full product information: www.melcourt.co.uk

Bulk Bag details,
see pages 18–19.

PLAYBARK®

BESTSELLER

An exceptionally well-graded, chunky pine bark. Contains <5% wood. Dust and fines removed. Nominal particle size 10–40mm. Tested in accordance with BS EN 1176 and 1177. Fire tested in accordance with BS4790:1987.



Bag Size	60 Litres
Product Code	6018
Bags Per Pallet	50
Pack Weight	16–17kg
Barcode	5060157810735



PLAYSAND™

A natural silica sand that has been washed and screened. An effective outdoor loose impact absorbing surface for use under play equipment, for sand play areas, as well as athletic facilities. Nominal particle size 0.25–0.5mm. Tested in accordance with BS EN 1176 and 1177. Tested in accordance with BS EN 71-1-3 (Safety of Toys).



Bag Size	15 Litres
Product Code	6039
Bags Per Pallet	49
Pack Weight	18–20kg
Barcode	5060157810476



Key Melcourt contacts: see inside back cover.

How many bags?

	Volume of Pot 0.5 Litre	Volume of Pot 1 Litre	Volume of Pot 2 Litre	Volume of Pot 3 Litre	Volume of Pot 5 Litre	Volume of Pot 10 Litre
Compost 15L	30 pots	15 pots	8 pots	5 pots	3 pots	1.5 pots
Compost 40L	80 pots	40 pots	20 pots	13 pots	8 pots	4 pots

	1 Bag covers an area (m ²)	2 Bags covers an area (m ²)	3 Bags covers an area (m ²)	4 Bags covers an area (m ²)	5 Bags covers an area (m ²)	To a depth of
Farmyard 50L	1	2	3	4	5	2"/50mm
	0.7	1.4	2.1	2.8	3.5	3"/75mm
Topsoil 20L	0.8	1.6	2.4	3.2	4.0	1"/25mm
	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.6	2.0	2"/50mm
Bark Mulch 60L	1.2	2.4	3.6	4.8	6	2"/50mm
	0.8	1.6	2.4	3.2	4	3"/75mm
	0.6	1.2	1.8	2.4	3.0	4"/100mm
Play Surfaces 60L	0.6	1.2	1.8	2.4	3.0	4"/100mm
	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.5	8"/200mm
	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0	12"/300mm

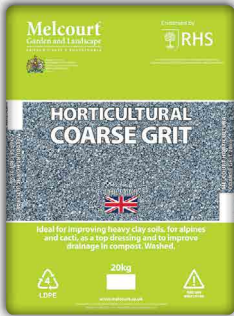


Horticultural Grits & Sands

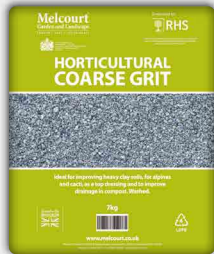


HORTICULTURAL COARSE GRIT

Ideal for cacti, succulents and alpinas as a decorative top dressing, or for incorporating into compost mixes to improve drainage. Helps improve drainage when dug into heavy soil. Washed. Nominal particle size 2–6mm.



Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8000
Bags Per Pallet	49
Pack Weight	19–21kg
Barcode	5060157810414

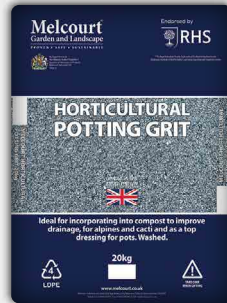


Bag Size	7kg
Product Code	8046
Bags Per Pallet	132
Pack Weight	6.5–7.5kg
Barcode	5060157811602

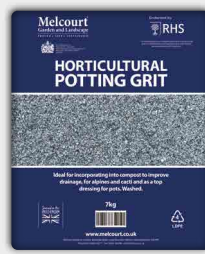


HORTICULTURAL POTTING GRIT

Ideal for cacti, succulents and alpinas as a decorative top dressing, or for incorporating into compost mixes to improve drainage. Washed. Nominal particle size 1–4mm.



Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8001
Bags Per Pallet	49
Pack Weight	19–21kg
Barcode	5060157810421

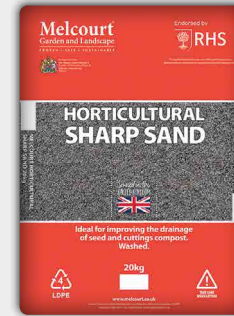


Bag Size	7kg
Product Code	8048
Bags Per Pallet	132
Pack Weight	6.5–7.5kg
Barcode	5060157811619



HORTICULTURAL SHARP SAND

Improves texture and drainage in seed and cutting compost. Ideal to use when laying paving and patio slabs. Washed. Nominal particle size 0–3mm.



Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8003
Bags Per Pallet	49
Pack Weight	19–20kg
Barcode	5060157810445

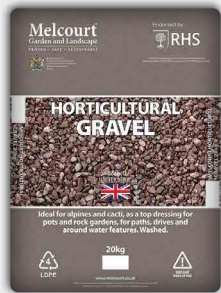


Bag Size	7kg
Product Code	8050
Bags Per Pallet	132
Pack Weight	6.5–7.5kg
Barcode	5060157811640



HORTICULTURAL GRAVEL

Ideal for cacti, succulents and alpines as a decorative top dressing, or for incorporating into compost mixes to improve drainage. Use to construct paths, drives, rock gardens, or around water features. Washed. Nominal particle size 4–10mm.



Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8002
Bags Per Pallet	49
Pack Weight	19–20kg
Barcode	5060157810438



HORTICULTURAL SILVER SAND

Improves texture and drainage in seed and cutting compost. Blend 50/50 with Melcourt Topsoil to make lawn dressing. Washed. Nominal particle size 0–2mm.



Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8004
Bags Per Pallet	49
Pack Weight	19–20kg
Barcode	5060157810452



Melcourt and the environment

Peat-free

As the leading supplier of effective, peat-free growing media for both the professional and retail markets, Melcourt have illustrated very clearly the extremely good results that can be achieved without the use of peat.

We have not only provided amateur gardeners the wherewithal to garden without peat, we are also one of the main suppliers of peat-free growing media to the professional grower market in the UK.

Our growers have demonstrated that peat-free production is both commercially and competitively possible.



Responsible Sourcing

As founding members of the Responsible Sourcing of Growing Media Scheme (www.responsiblesourcing.org.uk)

Melcourt have helped the industry demonstrate the environmental and social credentials of the materials they are using.

Melcourt products are now scored on the system, allowing stockists to demonstrate their credentials to their increasingly well-informed customers.



Wood and plastic

All of Melcourt's eligible bark and wood-based ingredients hold Forest Stewardship Council certification. The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is an international network that promotes the responsible management of the world's forests.

We are constantly looking for ways to reduce our use of plastic. At present there isn't a material that can fully replace it as our products are frequently damp, heavy and stored outside.

However, our polythene bags currently contain 30% recycled plastic and we are working with our supplier to raise this to 50% by 2025.

Our bags are also fully recyclable. The award-winning Melcourt Bag for Life scheme (see page 17) allows participating garden centres to offer a reusable bag system which is very popular with consumers.

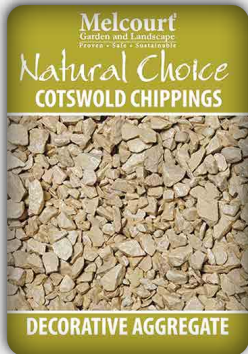
Decorative Aggregates

Endorsed by


COTSWOLD CHIPPINGS 20mm

BESTSELLER

A creamy, buff, angular limestone.
 (Not recommended for drives.)



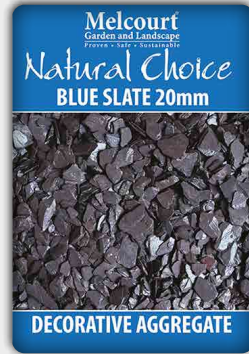
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Product Code	8021
Bags Per Pallet	70
Pack Weight	19–21kg
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BLUE SLATE 20mm

BESTSELLER

A true blue with subtle variations and good coverage.

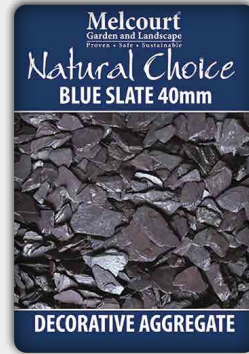


Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8023
Bags Per Pallet	70
Pack Weight	19–21kg
Barcode	5060157810933



BLUE SLATE 40mm

A true blue with subtle variations and good coverage.



Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8025
Bags Per Pallet	70
Pack Weight	19–21kg
Barcode	5060157810940



FOREST OF DEAN CHIPPINGS 14mm

A limestone with a consistent pinky–red appearance that blends into any landscape.

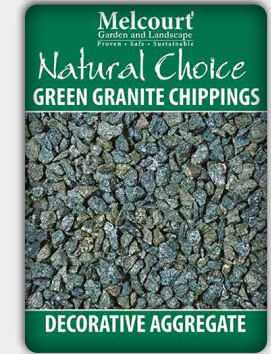


Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8027
Bags Per Pallet	70
Pack Weight	19–21kg
Barcode	5060157810957



GREEN GRANITE CHIPPINGS 16mm

A well-balanced mixture of light and dark greens with good coverage.



Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8029
Bags Per Pallet	70
Pack Weight	19–21kg
Barcode	5060157810964

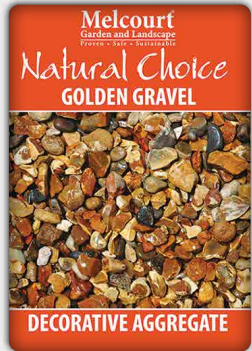


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GOLDEN GRAVEL
20mm

A blend of creams, buffs, and golden honey browns giving an overall golden effect.

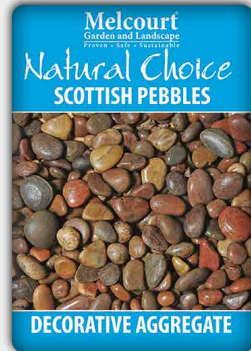


Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8031
Bags Per Pallet	70
Pack Weight	19–21kg
Barcode	5060157810971



SCOTTISH PEBBLES
20–40mm

A naturally rounded granite and quartz pebble from the Highlands of Scotland.

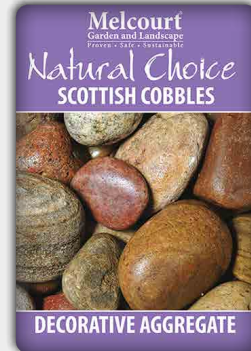


Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8033
Bags Per Pallet	70
Pack Weight	19–21kg
Barcode	5060157810988



SCOTTISH COBBLES **BESTSELLER**
50–80mm

A naturally rounded granite and quartz cobble from the Highlands of Scotland.

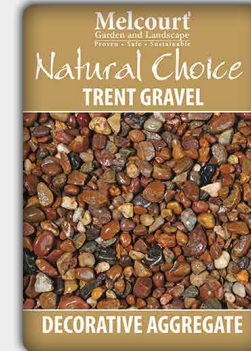


Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8035
Bags Per Pallet	70
Pack Weight	19–21kg
Barcode	5060157810995



TRENT GRAVEL
20mm

An attractive, multi-coloured gravel from the Trent Valley, also known as *Quartz Gravel*.



Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8037
Bags Per Pallet	70
Pack Weight	19–21kg
Barcode	5060157811008



Endorsements

To make it easier for you to see the suitability of our products for your customers, here's a key to symbols for each product to look out for when choosing a product.

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Indicates that the product is endorsed by the RHS, one of the world's leading horticultural organisations and the UK's leading gardening charity.

Endorsed by



JOHN INNES SEAL OF APPROVAL

Indicates that the SylvaGrow® John Innes range has been inspected and approved by John Innes Manufacturers' Association (JIMA).



SOIL ASSOCIATION

The UK's most well-known organic certification body approves our organic range, the logo on-pack giving real credibility to the organic claim.



SUITABLE FOR USE BY VEGANS

An increasing proportion of customers look for vegan-friendly products, which many of our composts are.



FSC® CERTIFICATION

All eligible Melcourt products are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®) indicating that we only use bark and wood from sustainably managed sources.



Poultry & Reptile Bedding

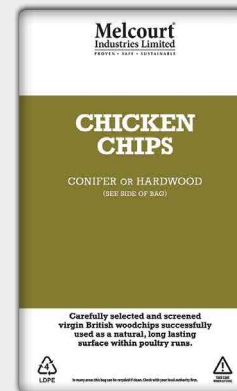
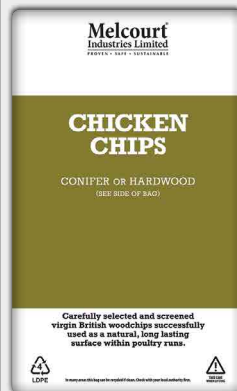
Poultry Chips

CHICKEN CHIPS – SOFTWOOD

Carefully selected and screened softwood chips. Made from UK-sourced virgin wood chips and contains no recycled wood waste. Successfully used as a natural long-lasting surface within domestic poultry runs. Nominal particle size 10–40mm with minimal dust and fine content. Fire tested in accordance with BS4790:1987.

CHICKEN CHIPS – HARDWOOD

Carefully selected and screened hardwood chips. Made from UK-sourced virgin wood chips and contains no recycled wood waste. Successfully used as a natural long-lasting surface within domestic poultry runs. Nominal particle size 10–40mm with minimal dust and fine content. Fire tested in accordance with BS4790:1987.



Bag Size	60 Litres
Product Code	6721
Bags Per Pallet	50
Pack Weight	15–17kg

Bag Size	60 Litres
Product Code	6722
Bags Per Pallet	50
Pack Weight	15–17kg



Reptile Bark

REPTILE BARK CHIPS

Well-scrubbed pine bark chips used for vivariums and reptile bedding. Nominal particle size 15–35mm. Fire tested in accordance with BS4790:1987. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®) certified FSC®.

REPTILE MINI CHIPS

Well-scrubbed pine bark used for vivariums and reptile bedding. Nominal particle size 5–15mm. Fire tested in accordance with BS4790:1987. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®) certified FSC®.

REPTILE COIR

Fiberized coir fibre used for vivariums and reptile bedding. Nominal particle size 0–8mm.



Bag Size	60 Litres
Product Code	6650
Bags Per Pallet	50
Pack Weight	14–15kg

Bag Size	60 Litres
Product Code	6651
Bags Per Pallet	50
Pack Weight	14–15kg

Bag Size	60 Litres
Product Code	6653
Bags Per Pallet	50
Pack Weight	17–19kg



Full product information: www.melcourt.co.uk

Bag For Life & Maxi Bales

REFILLABLE BAG FOR LIFE

Select which product you require together with a RHS endorsed Melcourt **Bag For Life**.



How to use

The customer chooses a product and the store fills the Bag For Life from the Maxi Bale. Customer pays for the growing media, and a **Bag For Life** (if a first-time customer). Customer uses the product and returns to the store to buy more product using the same **Bag For Life**.

Product for the refillable **Bag For Life** bags comes in a Maxi Bale. Each Maxi Bale contains 2500 litres, is spun-wrapped, labelled, and delivered on a recycled and recyclable one-way-trip pallet.

Buy a pack of 55 **Bag For Life** bags that you can sell to your customer to fill repeatedly with compost or mulch from the Maxi Bales. On their third refill, customers would be in plastic 'credit' – a contribution in kind to the environment.

Bag For Life

Refillable Bags

Bag For Life	Pack of 55 bags	
Product Code	8506	
Barcode	5060157811206	

Maxi Bales

SylvaGrow® Multi-Purpose

Maxi Bale Size	2500 litres	
Product Code	7223	
Barcode	5060157811114	

SylvaGrow® With Added John Innes

Maxi Bale Size	2500 litres	
Product Code	7235	
Barcode	5060157811121	

SylvaGrow® Organic

Maxi Bale Size	2500 litres	
Product Code	7203	
Barcode	5060157811145	

SylvaGrow® Tub & Basket

Maxi Bale Size	2500 litres	
Product Code	7237	
Barcode	5060157811152	

SylvaGrow® Ericaceous

Maxi Bale Size	2500 litres	
Product Code	7236	
Barcode	5060157811138	

Melcourt Bag For Life Sales

For each sale you'll need to scan two barcodes. One for the refillable **Bag For Life**, and one from the list of Maxi Bales for the contents – unless the customer's brought the refillable **Bag For Life** back for a refill. If you're selling a refill, only scan the product contents Maxi Bale barcode.

Composted Fine Bark™

Maxi Bale Size	2500 litres	
Product Code	7549	
Barcode	5060157811169	



Spruce Ornamental™

Maxi Bale Size	2500 litres	
Product Code	5044	
Barcode	5060157811176	



Ornamental Bark Mulch

Maxi Bale Size	2500 litres	
Product Code	5101	
Barcode	5060157811190	



Pine Mini Chips

Maxi Bale Size	2500 litres	
Product Code	5043	
Barcode	5060157811183	



Bulk Bag Availability

Compost, topsoil, bark mulches, soil improver

The following lines are available in bulk bags and can be delivered as part of your retail order. Please note, two bulk bags are equivalent to one pallet space.

Refer your customers to this table to help decide how many bags they might need to cover a given area.

Volume	1 Bags Area m ²	2 Bags Area m ²	3 Bags Area m ²	4 Bags Area m ²	5 Bags Area m ²	Depth (Inch/mm)
0.6m ³	12	24	36	48	60	2"/50mm
	8	16	24	32	40	3"/75mm
	4	8	12	16	20	6"/150mm
800kg	12	24	36	48	60	2"/50mm
20kg	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.5	2"/50mm

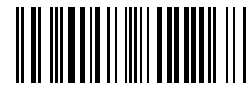
Need help with the calculations or general advice, please call the Melcourt office on 01666 502711.



Compost 0.6m³

All-Purpose Peat-Free Compost

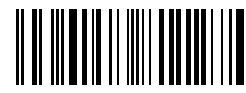
Product Code	7214
Pack Weight	230–240kg
Barcode	5060157811268



Planting Media, Soil Improvers & Topsoil 0.6m³

Composted Fine Bark*

Product Code	7551
Pack Weight	260–290kg
Barcode	5060157811275



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SylvaGrow Farmyard Soil Improver

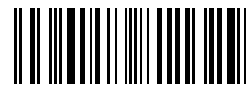
Product Code	8927
Pack Weight	270–290kg
Barcode	5060157811589



Bark Mulches 0.6m³

Spruce Ornamental

Product Code	5028
Pack Weight	190–210kg
Barcode	5060157811329



Ornamental Bark Mulch*

Product Code	5042
Pack Weight	160–180kg
Barcode	5060157811336



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Natural Play Surfaces 0.6m³

Playbark*

Product Code	6007
Pack Weight	160–180kg
Barcode	5060157811374



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Playchips Softwood*

Product Code	6045
Pack Weight	160–180kg
Barcode	5060157811381



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Decorative Aggregates 800kg

Golden Gravel 20mm

Product Code	8030
Pack Weight	–
Barcode	5060157811411



Blue Slate 20mm

Product Code	8022
Pack Weight	–
Barcode	5060157811466



Green Granite Chippings 16mm

Product Code	8028
Pack Weight	–
Barcode	5060157811435



Blue Slate 40mm

Product Code	8032
Pack Weight	–
Barcode	5060157811480



ers, natural play surfaces, decorative aggregates.

SylvaGrow Rose, Tree & Shrub Compost

Product Code	8928	
Pack Weight	270–290kg	
Barcode	5060157811596	

Topsoil Blended Loam

Product Code	7468	
Pack Weight	510–630kg	
Barcode	5060157811305	

Pine Mini Chips*

Product Code	5098	
Pack Weight	180–200kg	
Barcode	5060157811343	

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Bark Nuggets*

Product Code	5011	
Pack Weight	160–180kg	
Barcode	5060157811350	

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Amenity Bark Mulch*


Product Code	5057	
Pack Weight	140–150kg	
Barcode	5060157811367	

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Playchips Hardwood

Product Code	6022	
Pack Weight	160–180kg	
Barcode	5060157811398	

Playsand

Product Code	6040	
Pack Weight	700–750kg	
Barcode	5060157811404	

Trent Gravel 20mm

Product Code	8036	
Pack Weight	–	
Barcode	5060157811442	

Cotswold Chippings 20mm

Product Code	8020	
Pack Weight	–	
Barcode	5060157811428	

Forest of Dean 14mm

Product Code	8026	
Pack Weight	–	
Barcode	5060157811459	

Scottish Pebbles 20–40mm

Product Code	8024	
Pack Weight	–	
Barcode	5060157811473	

Scottish Cobbles 50–80mm

Product Code	8034	
Pack Weight	–	
Barcode	5060157811497	

Stockist Information

Getting the best from Melcourt stock

We constantly analyse customer feed-back and are always seeking practical ways to improve our offer. The most frequently raised issues by consumers hinge around product storage and stock rotation.

Product Storage

- All of our polythene packed retail products are carefully machine packed and hooded for weather protection.
- At the garden centre or retail outlet, these products, particularly composts, topsoil and soil improvers, should be stored in dry, under covered areas.

Stock Rotation

- During manufacture, each bag is clearly laser printed with the date of manufacture.
- During the season, please take care to ensure that the oldest stock is sold first.
- It is not good practice to hold stock that is over one year old.
- At the end of the season, we recommend that you clear any remaining stock, leaving just enough stock to service the quieter winter months.
- Re-order fresh stock late winter for following season's sales.

THE MANUFACTURER

Should provide simple and clear information to both stockists and consumers, covering: product use; product management; and use by date. Melcourt also provide support both in the field and on our helpline.

Melcourt have invested in state of the art laser printer so that date of manufacture is clearly printed.



We do not make large quantities of compost during the 'low season', for sale next year, but usually make our compost products within four weeks of despatch.

In the rare occurrence of a customer complaint, we respond promptly and courteously usually to the complainant's entire satisfaction.

FOR THE RETAILER

All Melcourt peat-free composts are 'active' and should be sold and used in accordance with the instructions which are clearly printed on each pack.



The issue of stock rotation is extremely important. Melcourt field sales staff will explain to our stockists why and what simple steps should be taken to help.

We recommend that at the end of each season, all old stock is sold, leaving space for new, fresh stock to be bought in next season.

Unfortunately, we do not offer a sale or return service, therefore it is clearly for the stockist to ensure that the oldest stock is sold first.

FOR THE CUSTOMER

Carefully follow the instructions that are printed on the back of the bag regarding use by advice.

If you need further help, contact Melcourt.

Any surplus compost that is not used within the recommended period can be spread onto the garden as an effective soil improver.



The polythene bag containing the product is strong enough to be re-used many times around the home and garden. For example, as a hanging basket liner, as a sturdy container for canes or for taking green waste to the tip.

Frequently asked questions.

What is peat-free compost?

Peat-free compost is simply a growing medium manufactured without the inclusion of peat. Peat has been the staple ingredient in UK growing media for many decades but since the late 1980s environmental concerns have created the need to look for alternatives.

Why the change to peat-free?

It is now widely recognised both in the UK and internationally that the harvesting of peat releases vast quantities of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. In addition, left in situ it is also host to a unique flora and fauna as well as having an important role in flood mitigation.

When will peat be banned in the UK?

The UK government is proposing to ban the use of peat in retail products from 2024. They plan to follow this up with a ban on the use of peat in professional growing by 2026 (with a few exceptions).

Are they made to a British Standard specification?

There is no British Standard for growing media but the Responsible Sourcing of Growing Media (see below) includes a performance standard. At Melcourt we carry out our own rigorous testing at our two regional trials sites in order to ensure that our composts are consistently achieving the required high standard of performance.

Are all peat-free composts the same?

Very definitely not! Melcourt have been at the forefront of peat-free development having launched their first professional peat-free compost Sylvamix, in 2001. Widely acknowledged to be the market leader, SylvaGrow was brought to the retail market in 2014 and since then the range has won many performance awards, become endorsed by the RHS and gained two Royal Warrants.

Do peat-free composts need different management to peat-based products?

Peat-free composts vary in their ingredients and so the management required for them to best perform also varies. However, at Melcourt we realised that it isn't practical to expect gardeners of different degrees of experience to be able necessarily to judge how to manage their composts. So we designed our SylvaGrow range to be easy to use and its management is very similar to traditional peat-based media. However, in common with many peat-free media it can look dry on the surface when in fact it is perfectly adequately watered underneath. We recommend checking this using the weight of the pot or by the 'finger test' – simply pushing a finger into the layers below the surface in order to check the moisture content.

What does 'organic' mean?

The word 'organic' is one of the most mis-used words in retail horticulture. Often confusingly used to merely indicate the presence of organic matter in a mix, a truly organic product is one that is approved by a recognised organic certification body following a strict audit process. It will contain only materials that are free from artificial fertilizers and pesticides. SylvaGrow Organic and the Planter for Organic Growing are approved by the Soil Association which is the nation's most well-known organic certification body.

What is the 'Responsible Sourcing Scheme'?

The Responsible Sourcing of Growing Media Scheme allows stockists and consumers a much greater level of transparency about the ingredients used in composts and their impacts on the environment. Created by a cross-industry group that included conservation bodies, manufacturers, retailers, growers, the HTA and the RHS, the newly-launched scheme brings evidence and clarity to an area that has previously been clouded by misinformation and conjecture. Melcourt are founder members and have been very involved in the formation of the scheme. For more information see: www.responsiblesourcing.org.uk

What is John Innes?

John Innes compost is a soil-based medium based on a formula created at the John Innes Institute in the 1930s. The SylvaGrow John Innes range is peat-free. See our website for a full description including the history of this heritage range.

Why are various products in Melcourt's retail range endorsed by the Royal Horticultural Society?

Melcourt peat-free growing media were already being widely and successfully used in RHS gardens when they decided to look for a brand of peat-free growing media, soil improvers and mulches to endorse. SylvaGrow was an obvious choice given that they had tried and tested it for years and knew it to be a consistently high-performing peat-free compost. Being 100% peat-free and the organic products holding Soil Association approval were major considerations in their decision.

Melcourt celebrates 40 years 100% peat-free.

As Melcourt enters its 40th year, we celebrate all that the company has become, its aims, values and mission, the breadth of its offer across many sectors, its people, commitment to the environment, charitable works and more.

Quality and innovation have always been at the heart of Melcourt's activities, driving our choices and guiding our approach to business. Here we describe how we achieve some of the best and most consistent quality available across the sectors we serve.

Indeed the quality of our products has long been recognised and we are honoured to have been awarded Royal Warrants from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and at the time of the award,

the former His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. We are also very proud to uniquely hold Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) endorsement for many products in our retail range.

A successful business is also a responsible business and as founding developers and members of the new Responsible Sourcing of Growing Media Scheme we are delighted that customers can now check the environmental and social impacts of the growing media we manufacture.

Our wood and bark purchasing policies include a commitment to UK forestry and our Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®) certification ensures that our raw material purchasing decisions are

driven on the basis of responsible forest practices.

Many of our growing medium ingredients meet the exacting standards of the UK's most influential organic charity, the Soil Association and we have been certified by them since the early 1990s.

A company is only as good as the people it employs and at Melcourt we have a skilled and dedicated team, some of whom have celebrated more than three decades with the company. Our staff have customer service and integrity at their core and we believe that the long term relationships we have built over many years illustrate the commitment and loyalty that we have to our customers and which they have to us.



Directors, sales teams, operators & HQ staff gather to celebrate 40 peat-free years of Melcourt.



Andy Chalmers, Managing Director of Melcourt cuts the cake.

From left to right: Steve Green (Ransfords), Andy Perry, Richard Illing, Beverley Moseley, Vicki Wright, Shaun Evans, Richard Cave, Catherine Dawson, Paul Lyon, Pat Watson (A.W. Jenkinson), James Harriss, Andy Chalmers, Mark Tedder, Janusz Jaszewski, Nathan Scrivens, Amber Worrell, Scott Young, Rachel Cash, Diane Furmedge, Rebecca Doidge, Neil Gray, Elaine Rose, David Graham (A.W. Jenkinson), and Nigel Bullock (not in picture).

- 1983 ● Melcourt Industries Ltd incorporated. Initial sales of bark mulch, natural play surfaces, and all-weather riding surfaces for horses.
- 2001 ● **Sylvamix** launched – a unique 100% peat-free professional growing media range.
- 2014 ● **SylvaGrow Multi-Purpose** retail compost launched.
- 2015 ● **SylvaGrow** achieves Consumer Association Which? Gardening 'Best Buy' (the first of many).
- 2016 ● Melcourt retail products uniquely endorsed by **Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)**.
- 2018 ● **ROYAL WARRANT** granted to Melcourt by HRH the Prince of Wales for the supply and manufacture of peat-free *Organic Growing Media*.
- Government includes peat reduction targets in Policy Paper, *A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan To Improve The Environment*.
- 2019 ● Another bagging line added to meet increasing demand for growing number of stockists.
- 2020 ● Coronavirus pandemic encourages three million new gardeners which helps record sales of **SylvaGrow**.
- 2021 ● A totally new computer system installed integrating all aspects of the business and greatly increasing efficiency.
- 2022 ● **ROYAL WARRANT** granted to Melcourt, this time from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for the supply of *Horticultural Products*.
- Further investment in the business with another fully automated bagging line.
- The **SylvaGrow** range expands again to include the new **Rose, Tree and Shrub** planting compost.
- 2023 ● Melcourt celebrates 40th Birthday.
- **SylvaGrow Multi-Purpose** gets Which? Best Buy for category *Compost–Raising Young Plants*.

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