



Melcourt[®]
Garden and Landscape

Growing a better future.

From the peat-free pioneers

Our 2024-25
Retail Catalogue



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We've been carefully blending science and nature for more than 40 years

Dear Retailer,

Welcome to our 2024-25 catalogue. With everything your customers need for the garden, from premium peat-free compost and organic planting media to mulches, grits and sands, decorative aggregates and more!

We're the UK's leading supplier of peat-free garden and landscape products. Our rigorous, science-based approach to peat-free horticulture has been painstakingly perfected over the last four decades. Ensuring your customers' fruit, veg, trees and flowers get the very best start in life, grow strong and stay healthy, whilst continuing to care for the natural world in a way your customers demand.

In fact, because we've been bringing you peat-free garden and landscape products longer than any other supplier, our range is widely recognised as the best you can stock – and your customers can buy. The future of gardening is peat-free. Discover why our products, pricing, service and sustainable sourcing leads the way.

NEW for the 2025 season we will be introducing:

- Melcourt SylvaGrow® Seed Compost – a finely graded compost ideal for seed sowing
- A refined and repackaged John Innes range in a new 22 litre bag size

I am proud to have spent the last 30 years of my career as the Managing Director of Melcourt, working alongside some of the most experienced and industry recognised individuals. January 2025 will see a new chapter for Melcourt as Nikki Burton, our Operations Director will take over the role of Managing Director, as I take the position on our Board as Company Chairman.

May we all take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our loyal customers for your continued support, we look forward to a prosperous new year with you and welcoming new Melcourt stockists to our customer portfolio, you are in excellent hands with the 'Peat-free Pioneers'.

Best wishes,
Andy Chalmers
Managing Director



BY APPOINTMENT TO
HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II
SUPPLIER OF HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS
MELCOURT INDUSTRIES LIMITED
TETBURY



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



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 2.85 million annual visitors to their five gardens, and their fabulous shows and garden festivals inspire 470,000 visitors, with RHS Chelsea Flower Show enjoying excellent media coverage around the world. 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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Caring for the planet, from the ground up

As the peat-free pioneers, we were the first ever to explore the possibilities of more sustainable growing media, long before the impact of harvesting peat for compost production became a serious environmental concern.

Today we take protecting our planet more seriously than ever, with all our products inspired by four sustainability pillars:



Our award-winning bag for life scheme

Give your customers the chance to take our products home straight from a 2500 litre maxi bale in our tough, reusable Bag For Life.



It's peat-free

As the a and now leading supplier of consistent quality, peat-free growing media, we've demonstrated time and time again that when it comes to establishing, growing and maintaining healthy plants, you don't need peat for performance.



It's responsibly sourced

We're founding members of the Responsible Sourcing of Growing Media Scheme and are committed to scrutinising and scoring our products against seven strict environmental criteria, including water and energy usage, renewability, social compliance and impact on habitat and biodiversity.

Find out more at responsiblesourcing.org.uk



It's Forest Stewardship Council® approved

All of our 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. FSC® certified products are indicated with the FSC® logo.



It's reducing single-use plastics

Because our products are frequently damp, heavy and stored outside, there isn't yet a material that can fully replace plastic. However, our polythene bags currently contain 30% recycled plastic and are themselves fully recyclable. And we're working with our supplier to raise this to 50% in the very near future.



Always by your side

Our retailers tell us it's not just our wide range of responsibly sourced garden and landscape products that makes us stand out.

It's the care and support we give our stockists and how we always go the extra mile to get you what you need, when you need it.

Although we're not a family-run business we like to make it feel as if we are one. So you'll find us easy to reach if you have a question (or suggestion about a new product

line) and we offer a higher level of personalised service we don't think you'll find elsewhere. From guidance on which products to stock and stock rotation, to technical advice for your customers switching growing media, we are on hand to help.

We also grow your sales

We believe in building long-term, mutually profitable relationships with you. So we don't sell direct online (like some other compost manufacturers do) but we support your sales with a 'Where to buy' listing on our consumer website and helpful point of sale material to encourage purchase.



**Our
Bestseller**

Look out for our best sellers

We've learnt from experience which of our products sell best – and when. See our table on p23 and look for the key stock items 'BESTSELLER' symbol. Our sales team is always delighted to talk about sales opportunities by season or in your area.

The proof is in the potting



The results of our growing media speak for themselves. In the colourful blooms of flowers, the vibrancy of plants and the yields of fruit and veg. Our careful blend of science and nature is why our products are certified or approved by some of the most recognised names in horticulture. And your customers will be reassured to see their endorsement on our bags.



RHS ENDORSED

We're proud that many of our products are endorsed by The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). The RHS is the UK's leading gardening charity, helping people and plants to grow. Their mission is to make gardening a way of life that is accessible to everyone – nurturing health, happiness, stronger communities and a more resilient world. Guided by 220 years of experience, they support gardeners of all ages with expert advice, community and school projects, scientific research, professional qualifications, their five RHS Gardens, and events including the iconic RHS Chelsea Flower Show.



SOIL ASSOCIATION APPROVED

The UK's most well-known organic certification body approves our organic range, the logo on-pack giving real credibility to the organic claim. Many of our growing medium ingredients meet the exacting standards of the UK's most influential organic charity, the Soil Association, and we've been certified by them since the early 1990s.



JOHN INNES SEAL OF APPROVAL

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



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. FSC® certified products are indicated with the FSC® logo.



NEW to the range SylvaGrow® Seed Compost

SYLVAGROW® SEED COMPOST

Superb quality, 100% peat-free compost. Perfect for seed sowing and pricking out. A unique, fine, friable blend based on expertise gained after more than two decades serving the professional grower market.



Bag Size	40 Litres
Product Code	7258
Bags Per Pallet	75
Pack Weight	17-18kg
Barcode	5060157811701

Bag Size	15 Litres
Product Code	7257
Bags Per Pallet	105
Pack Weight	6-7kg
Barcode	5060157811695



John Innes Range

SYLVAGROW® JOHN INNES SEED COMPOST

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

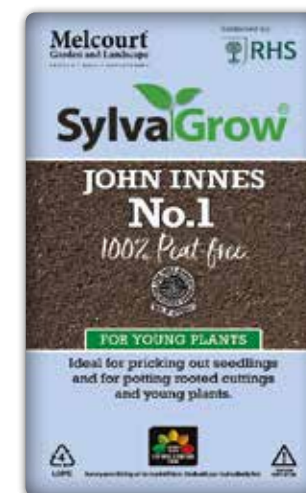


Bag Size	22 Litres
Product Code	7256
Bags Per Pallet	84
Pack Weight	15-17kg
Barcode	5060157811688



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	22 Litres
Product Code	7253
Bags Per Pallet	84
Pack Weight	15-17kg
Barcode	5060157811657



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	22 Litres
Product Code	7254
Bags Per Pallet	84
Pack Weight	15-17kg
Barcode	5060157811664



SYLVAGROW® JOHN INNES No.3

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	22 Litres
Product Code	7255
Bags Per Pallet	84
Pack Weight	15-17kg
Barcode	5060157811671



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Our compost range...

Our Bestseller

SYLVAGROW® MULTI-PURPOSE

Superb quality 100% peat-free compost. 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



SYLVAGROW® WITH ADDED JOHN INNES

Superb quality 100% peat-free compost, 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® 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



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® 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



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



SYLVAGROW® PLANTER

Superb quality planter enabling the growing of a wide of range of 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



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Planting Media, Soil Improvers & Topsoil

FARMYARD SOIL IMPROVER

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

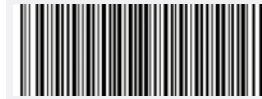


COMPOSTED FINE BARK™

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



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Bark Mulches

Suppress weed growth and lock in warmth the Melcourt way

Bulk-bag details,
see pages 26–27

SPRUCE ORNAMENTAL™

A versatile conifer bark mulch. Use on garden borders and landscaped areas. Nominal particle size 5–35mm.



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



BARK NUGGETS®

An extremely popular chunky bark mulch. Use for larger garden & landscape applications. Nominal particle size 15–65mm.



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



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.

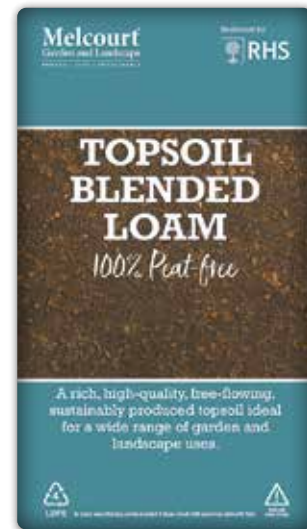


Bag Size	40 Litres
Product Code	7657
Bags Per Pallet	75
Pack Weight	15–16kg
Barcode	5060157811565



TOPSOIL™ BLENDED LOAM

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	17–21kg
Barcode	5060157810469



ORNAMENTAL BARK MULCH™

A great-looking, long-lasting pine, larch, and Douglas fir bark. Use on decorative beds, borders and tubs. Nominal particle size 5–35mm.



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



PINE MINI CHIPS™

A neat, well-screened pine bark mulch. Use for pots, tubs, containers and borders. Nominal particle size 3–18mm.



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



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SylvaBark®

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



This product is
Vegan
FRIENDLY



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



This product is
Vegan
FRIENDLY



Natural Play Surfaces

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.

Made in the
UNITED KINGDOM
from renewable
resources



SOFTWOOD

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



Please note:

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

Made in the
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resources



HARDWOOD

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



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PLAYBARK®

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.

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resources



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



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Horticultural Grits & Sands

Just the job for improving drainage, decoration or top dressing.

HORTICULTURAL COARSE GRIT

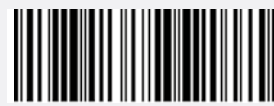
Ideal for cacti, succulents and alpines as a decorative top dressing, or for incorporating into compost mixes to improve drainage. Helps improve drainage when dug into heavy soil. Washed and lime-free. Nominal particle size 2–6mm.



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 alpines as a decorative top dressing, or for incorporating into compost mixes to improve drainage. Washed and lime-free. 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

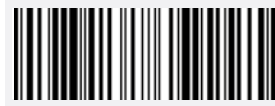
Improves texture and drainage in seed and cutting compost. Ideal to use when laying paving and patio slabs. Washed. Nominal particle size 0–3mm.



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



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



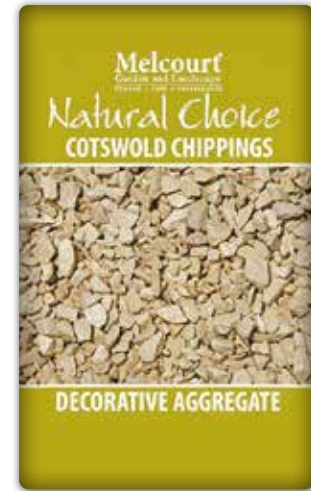
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Decorative Aggregates

COTSWOLD CHIPPINGS 20mm

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

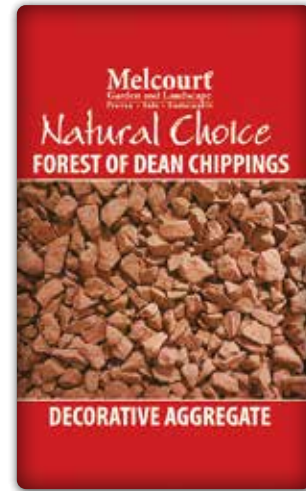


Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8021
Bags Per Pallet	70
Pack Weight	19–20kg
Barcode	5060157810926



Forest Of Dean Chippings 14mm

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

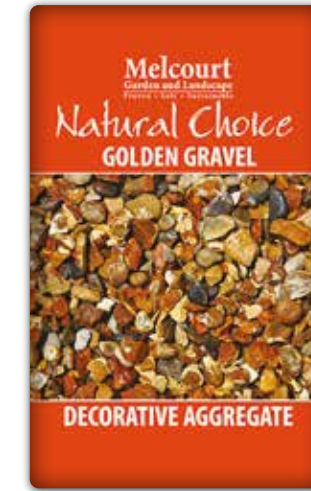


Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8027
Bags Per Pallet	70
Pack Weight	19–21kg
Barcode	5060157810957



Golden Gravel 20mm

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

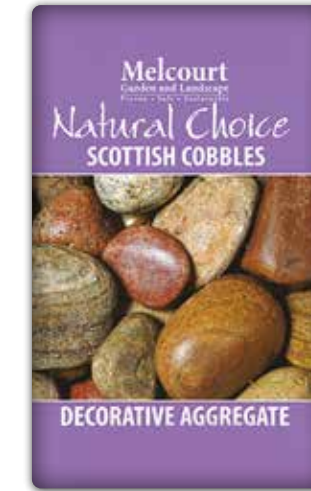


Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8031
Bags Per Pallet	70
Pack Weight	19–21kg
Barcode	5060157810971



Scottish Cobbles 50–80mm

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

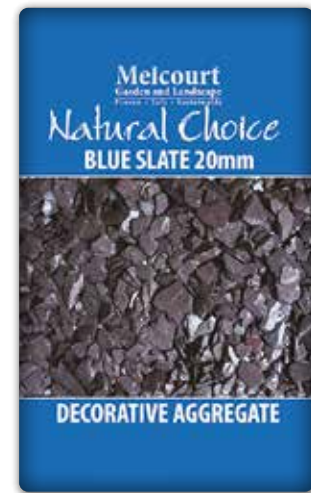


Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8035
Bags Per Pallet	70
Pack Weight	19–21kg
Barcode	5060157810995



Blue Slate 20mm

A true blue with subtle variations and good coverage.

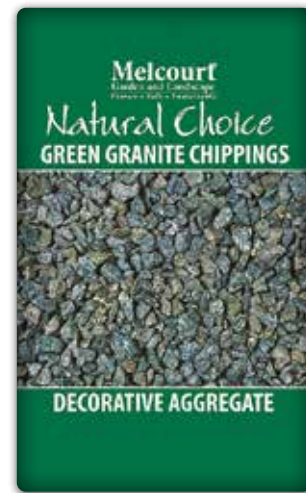


Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8023
Bags Per Pallet	70
Pack Weight	19–21kg
Barcode	5060157810933



Green Granite Chippings 16mm

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

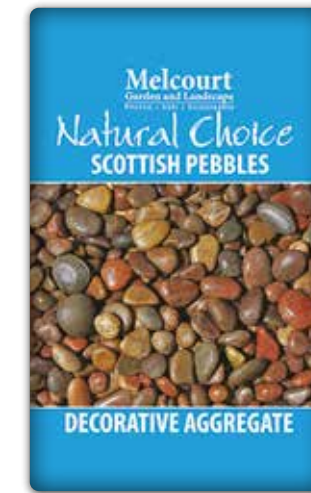


Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8029
Bags Per Pallet	70
Pack Weight	19–21kg
Barcode	5060157810964



Scottish Pebbles 20–40mm

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

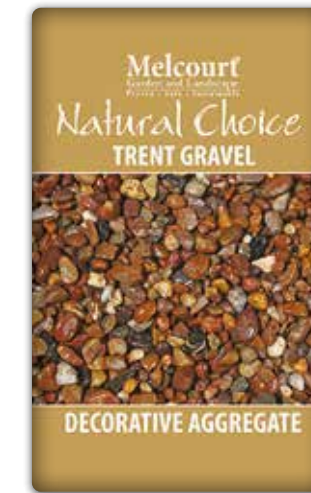


Bag Size	20kg
Product Code	8033
Bags Per Pallet	70
Pack Weight	19–21kg
Barcode	5060157810988



Trent Gravel 20mm

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



Bag Size	420kg
Product Code	8037
Bags Per Pallet	70
Pack Weight	19–21kg
Barcode	5060157811008



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.



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



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	6722
Bags Per Pallet	50
Pack Weight	15–17kg

Reptile Bark

REPTILE BARK CHIPS

Well-screened pine bark chips used for vivariums and reptile bedding. Nominal particle size 15–35mm. Certified FSC®.



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



REPTILE MINI CHIPS

Well-screened pine bark used for vivariums and reptile bedding. Nominal particle size 5–15mm. Certified FSC®.



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



REPTILE COIR

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



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

Point of sale

Unique point of sale support material to help boost sales.

Wide Display Banners

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



Correx Header Boards

Large: 900mm (w) x 600mm (h)



Natural Choice Aggregates Tactile Display Board

Size: 400mm (w) x 400mm (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)




Our
Bestseller

Best sellers within their category

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 — our sales team would be delighted to go through this with you.

COMPOST/BARK MULCH/TOPSOILS	Product Code	Page
SylvaGrow® John Innes No.3	7252	11
SylvaGrow® Multi-Purpose	7653	12
SylvaGrow® Planter	7231	13
SylvaGrow® Farmyard Soil Improver	7228	14
Composted Fine Bark™	7573	14
Topsoil™ Blended Loam	7506	14
Spruce Ornamental™	5065	15
Playbark™	6018	17

DECORATIVE AGGREGATES	Product Code	Page
Cotswold Chippings 20mm	8021	20
Blue Slate 20mm	8023	20
Scottish Cobbles 50–80mm	8035	21



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 customers 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	506015781121	

SYLVAGROW® ORGANIC

Maxi Bale Size	2500 litres	
Product Code	7203	
Barcode	506015781145	

SYLVAGROW® TUB & BASKET

Maxi Bale Size	2500 litres	
Product Code	7237	
Barcode	506015781152	

SYLVAGROW® ERICACEOUS

Maxi Bale Size	2500 litres	
Product Code	7236	
Barcode	506015781138	

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

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, topsoil, bark mulches, soil improvers, natural play surfaces, decorative aggregates.



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

SYLVAGROW® FARMYARD SOIL IMPROVER

Product Code	8927
Pack Weight	270–290kg
Barcode	5060157811589

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

Bark
Mulches
0.6m³

SPRUCE ORNAMENTAL

Product Code	5028
Pack Weight	190–210kg
Barcode	5060157811329

Product Code 5042

Pack Weight	160–180kg
Barcode	5060157811336

PINE MINI CHIPS*

Product Code	5098
Pack Weight	180–200kg
Barcode	5060157811343

BARK NUGGETS*

Product Code	5011
Pack Weight	160–180kg
Barcode	5060157811350

AMENITY BARK MULCH*

Product Code	5057
Pack Weight	140–150kg
Barcode	5060157811367

Natural
Play
Surfaces
0.6m³

PLAYBARK*

Product Code	6007
Pack Weight	160–180kg
Barcode	5060157811374

PLAYCHIPS® SOFTWOOD*

Product Code	6045
Pack Weight	160–180kg
Barcode	5060157811381

PLAYCHIPS® HARDWOOD

Product Code	6022
Pack Weight	160–180kg
Barcode	5060157811398

PLAYSAND™

Product Code	6040
Pack Weight	700–750kg
Barcode	5060157811404

Decorative
Aggregates
800kg

GOLDEN GRAVEL 20MM

Product Code	8030
Pack Weight	–
Barcode	5060157811411

BLUE SLATE 20MM

Product Code	8022
Pack Weight	–
Barcode	5060157811466

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

GREEN GRANITE CHIPPINGS 16MM

Product Code	8028
Pack Weight	–
Barcode	5060157811435

BLUE SLATE 40MM

Product Code	8032
Pack Weight	–
Barcode	5060157811480

SCOTTISH PEBBLES 20–40MM

Product Code	8024
Pack Weight	–
Barcode	5060157811473

SCOTTISH COBBLES 50–80MM

Product Code	8034
Pack Weight	–
Barcode	5060157811497



Making the most of your Melcourt stock

All our peat-free composts are 'active' so, for maximum performance, we don't make large quantities during the 'low season' and stockpile it for sale next year. Instead we usually make our compost products within four weeks of despatch. All our products should then be sold and used in accordance with the instructions clearly printed on each pack.

Here are some other tips you'll find useful:

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. Unfortunately, we can't offer a sale or return service.
- 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 the following season's sales.

Pass it on

- Fresh compost is always best.
- Follow the use-by advice printed on the back of the bag.
- 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.

Good advice
to give your
customers

FAQs

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. Melcourt first started developing peat-free media in the early 1990s and are widely recognised as leading experts in the field.

Why the change to peat-free?

It's now widely recognised that harvesting peat is bad for the environment. It releases vast quantities of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and destroys habitats for unique flora and fauna. Left in the ground, peat can help mitigate flood risk too.

When will peat be banned in the UK?

The previous UK government had proposed to ban peat in retail products from 2024 and to follow this up with a ban on peat in professional media by 2026 (with a few exceptions). At the time of writing the new government is yet to publish its policy but they are known to support the peat ban so it is likely that the use of peat will end within the next few seasons.

Are they made to a British Standard specification?

There is no British Standard for growing media but the Responsible Sourcing of Growing Media (see opposite) 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 the peat-free pioneers since developing our first bark and wood fibre-based ingredients in the early 1990s. Our professional peat-free compost Sylvamix, was launched in 2001 and is now widely acknowledged to be the market leader. The SylvaGrow® retail range became available in 2015. Since then, it has won many performance awards and is endorsed by the RHS.

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

Peat-free composts vary in their ingredients and so getting the best performance out of them varies too, which can be too complicated for many everyday gardeners. That's why we designed our SylvaGrow® compost: to provide all the benefits of traditional, professional peat-based media, without the fuss. 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 misused 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's 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 impact on the environment. Created by a cross-industry group that includes conservation bodies, manufacturers, retailers, growers, the HTA and the RHS, the recently launched scheme brings evidence and clarity to an area that's previously been clouded by misinformation and conjecture. As a founder member we've been very involved in the scheme from day one. Find out more at 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 RHS 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 also major considerations in their decision.

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