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SILVER SKIN®



Exotic Coffee Soil Enhancer

100% Recycled Organic Material

Silver Skin® is for use with trees or gardens as a great additive to your choice top soil.

Silver Skin® can also be adapted for landscaping and other agricultural uses.

Silver Skin® is a simple technique protecting soil, reducing weeds and restoring fertility.



Use 5oz. Silver Skin® with 2 cubic feet of choice top soil...

- Improves plants vigor and health, often leading to improve resistance to pests and diseases
- Reduces labor and maintenance costs as compared to bare soil culture
- Encourages favorable soil microbial activity and worms
- Suppresses weed growth and competition around crops
- Provides crops with organic matter and nutrients
- Improves nutrient and water retention in the soil
- Enhances soil structure



STEPS FOR APPLYING AS A TOP SOIL ADDITIVE

Step 1: Prepare site by removing all vegetation that is woody or bulky. Once area is flattened proceed to lay down the top soil and mix in desired amount of **Silver Skin®**.

Step 2: Add concentrated compost and mineral amendments (Layer #1). Whether you are mulching bare soil or weeds, “jump start” microbial activity by adding high nutrient material which stimulates soil life. This material also accelerates the decay of weeds and grass under the top soil. Suitable materials are enriched compost, poultry or stock manure, worm castings, feather meal. If the soil is overly acid, which is common in disturbed soils or those treated with conventional fertilizers, add lime. **Silver Skin®** is NOT acidic, generally testing with a pH of about 6.5. It also contains protein, some fat and large amounts of fiber. A soil analysis will indicate the need for adjustment of pH or mineral amendments. This is the appropriate time to add the recommended doses of minerals such as phosphorous and potassium.

Step 3: Now, soak the area well with water. This is essential as it starts the natural process of decomposition. Also it is much easier to soak the ground now, before the remaining layers of top soil are applied.

Step 4: Apply a weed barrier (Layer #2). Underneath this weed barrier grasses and weeds die and quickly become food for earthworms. The earthworms turn and aerate the soil. The material that works best is burlap coffee bags. Care in laying down the weed barrier without gaps will save you the headache of emerging weeds later on. Both water and good air circulation are necessary for healthy soil.

Step 5: The compost layer (Layer #3) can be any weed-free material mixture at the moisture level for good compost will do. This should form a fairly dense layer about 8 cm (3 inches) thick for gardens and about 15 cm (6 inches) for trees.

Step 6: The top layer (Layer #4) should mimic the newly fallen organic matter of the forest. It also must be weed-seed free. The material we recommend is the dry and brittle coffee parchment called **Silver Skin®** known as coffee chaff. This layer should be about 8-5 cm (3-5 inches) deep. Your coffee **Silver Skin®** will have a pleasant cosmetic appearance. After you have used **Silver Skin®**, bare top soil will begin to seem ugly and undesirable.

Questions about this product?

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