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SOIL RECIPES

The following recipes are printed with the kind permission of their originator, Henry Homeyer. His book, *Notes From the Garden*, is published by University Press of New England and *The Vermont Gardener's Companion* is published by Morris Book Publishing. Both books are wonderful additions to any gardener's library – new or seasoned.

Recipe for Container Soil

In a large wheelbarrow mix together
2 heaping shovels of garden dirt,
1 small shovel of sand,
2 heaping shovels of compost and
2-3 shovels of fluffy material (peat moss, soilless planting mix). Vermiculite and perlite are also fluffy inert ingredients available in small bags at garden centers. The first absorbs water, the second doesn't, through water will adhere nicely to its exterior.
Lastly, mix in a cup of Pro-Gro or similar organic fertilizer. These are slow release fertilizers so frequent watering won't wash it away (unlike most chemical fertilizers).

Recipe for Garden Soil

In a large wheelbarrow mix together
Equal parts of garden dirt and composted manure.
Add
2 cups Pro-Gro or similar organic fertilizer,
1 cup of rock phosphate (for good root development)
1 cup greensand (for potassium to build strong cell walls. It's also great to lighten up clay soil.)