

# HEART OF EDEN RANGE



Bark



Compost



Topsoil

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# Welcome

**Established in 1992, AHS has grown to become the market leader in the supply of bark, woodchip and composts to garden centres, leisure, landscape, and playground industries throughout the United Kingdom.**

Ensuring a superior service along with quality products, competitive prices and raw materials obtained from renewable or sustainable sources. AHS are also market leaders in the provision of premium peat free products.

We pride ourselves on having the best sales team in the industry, with in-depth knowledge of all our products, advising you on the most suitable solution for your project. AHS provides an unparalleled delivery service across the UK with rapid delivery times. As a customer, you will have a dedicated sales team member at the end of the telephone.

Our Heart of Eden range has the environment at its core. All products are obtained from sustainable sources, as close to utilisation as possible to minimise the carbon miles travelled. We are also committed to reducing carbon emissions

by ensuring our All-Purpose Natural Compost is PEAT FREE, thus making it the perfect product for gardeners, even before the ban on peat-based products is introduced to garden centres.

- 30 years' experience in handling wood-based materials
- An outstanding reputation for a highly professional service
- A dedicated sales team on hand to discuss your requirements
- A logistics team to ensure we deliver what you want, where you want it and with no minimum order
- Inhouse marketing support for maximum display appeal
- A deep-thinking business with a national and local outlook

# Decorative Bark

## PRODUCT DETAILS

Decorative Bark is a long-lasting, natural product. It can be used as ornamental ground cover for beds and borders, and it provides a clean visual background that will showcase flowers and foliage when used as a mulch. As well as making gardens look attractive, it can help suppress weeds and retain soil moisture during dry spells.

The rich colour of Decorative Bark provides an attractive backdrop to plants and shrubs, giving a neat and finished appearance to beds and borders.

## FEATURES

- Ornamental mulch
- Low-maintenance gardening
- Suppressing weeds

## APPLICATION RATE

Spread Decorative Bark to a depth of 25mm (1"); 50mm (2") is required for effective weed suppression. Raking over will help give a more even appearance. Leave a gap of approximately 25mm-50mm (1"-2") between the bark and base of the plant to protect delicate plants.



## AVAILABLE IN



60LTR  
BAGS



80LTR  
BAGS



100LTR  
BAIL



# Composted Bark Fines

## PRODUCT DETAILS

Composted Bark Fines are a long-lasting, durable and natural type of mulch. They are ideal for all kinds of flower beds, borders and large containers, and provide optimum weed suppression and moisture retention. This is a composted product, so it is more durable than other bark products and enriches soil fertility over time by slowly releasing nutrients into the soil.

With their rich dark colour, Composted Bark Fines create an inviting appearance in the garden by beautifully showcasing flowers and foliage.

## USES

- As mulch for beds and borders
- For weed suppression and low maintenance
- Enrich soil over time

## APPLICATION RATE

If you are using Composted Bark Fines as a soil conditioner, spread them on the soil with the help of a rake to a depth of 2.5-5cm (1"-2"). The minimum depth for effective weed suppression is 5cm (2"). If the soil is very heavy and chalky, you can apply Composted Bark Fines to a depth of 10cm (4").

If you are using Composted Bark Fines as a mulch, spread them on the soil with the help of a rake to a depth of 2.5-5cm (1"-2"). Make sure to leave a gap between stems and mulch to avoid plant damage.



## AVAILABLE IN



60LTR  
BAGS



# Pine Bark Nuggets

## PRODUCT DETAILS

Pine Bark Nuggets is a premium-grade, natural bark which lasts much longer than other bark products. It can be used as ornamental ground cover for beds and borders, providing a clean visual background that will showcase flowers and foliage when used as a mulch. As well as making gardens look attractive, it can help suppress weeds, and retain soil moisture during dry spells. It is also certified for use in play areas.

## USES

- Ornamental mulch
- Low-maintenance gardening
- Suppressing weeds
- Children's play areas
- Walkways

## APPLICATION RATE

Spread Pine Bark Nuggets to a depth of 25mm (1"). 50mm (2") is required for effective weed suppression. Raking over will help give a more even appearance. Leave a gap of approximately 25mm-50mm (1"-2") between the bark and base of the plant, to protect delicate plants.

For playgrounds, the depth will depend on the surface on which the bark is to be laid. Spread Pine Bark Nuggets to a depth of 20cm (8") over a soil surface, 25cm (10") over a tarmac surface and 30cm (12") over a concrete surface. Raking over will help give a more even appearance.



## AVAILABLE IN



50LTR  
BAGS



# Hardwood Play Chips

## PRODUCT DETAILS

Hardwood Play Chips is a long-lasting, durable and natural product. It is easy to maintain and provides an attractive but very safe surface for playgrounds and gardens.

Hardwood Play Chips are impact-absorbing, which makes this material ideal for playgrounds and leisure areas as it reduces the effect of falls. It is particularly well-suited for areas under slides and around climbing equipment. It is undyed, so does not stain clothes. This product has been tested to the BSEN1177 standard.

It combines the highly decorative qualities of a natural mulch providing an attractive finish to beds and borders with the shock-absorption and cushioning characteristics of a product certified for use in play areas.

## USES

- Surface for recreational and play areas
- Creating and edging walkways and paths
- As mulch for beds and borders

## APPLICATION RATE

For use in a play area, lay the product to a finished depth of 10cm (4"). We would suggest increasing this to 20cm (8") around higher risk areas such as climbing frames, swings or slides.

For beds and borders, spread Hardwood Play Chips to a depth of 2.5cm-5cm (1"-2"). The minimum depth to give effective weed suppression is 5cm (2") without a weed barrier.



## AVAILABLE IN



60LTR  
BAGS



# Soil Improver

## PRODUCT DETAILS

Soil Improver is a basic source of natural nutrients and organic matter which is formulated to improve the fertility of the soil in your garden and allotment. It helps moisture retention and can lighten heavy soils. It encourages good plant growth and long-term soil fertility.

## USES

- Improving soil structure
- Mulching
- Planting out
- Top Dressing

## APPLICATION RATE

To improve soil structure, spread the Soil Improver over the soil to a depth of at least 5cm (2"). For heavier, chalky or sandy soils more Soil Improver can be added up to about 10cm (4").  
8 As a mulch, apply a 5cm (2") layer of Soil Improver to the area, using a weed membrane if desired. For top dressing, mix one-part Soil Improver and one part soil together, blending thoroughly. This mixture can be used on established plants, shrubs and perennials.



## AVAILABLE IN



50LTR  
BAGS





# Enriched Topsoil

## PRODUCT DETAILS

Enriched Topsoil is a rich and fertile product suitable for creating new beds and borders, as well as raised beds. It boosts trees and shrubs during the planting process, and it can also be used for general lawn repair and preparation, for example to prepare a seed bed when laying a lawn.

In addition, Enriched Topsoil is ideal to improve your own natural soil thanks to its blend of premium quality ingredients. It is enriched with naturally occurring nutrients and balanced fertiliser levels to ensure healthy and vigorous plants at all stages of growth and under a variety of situations.

## USES

- Creating raised beds
- Laying lawns and levelling
- Reviving soil

## APPLICATION RATE

Mix one-part Enriched Topsoil with one part existing soil (50/50) for all beds and borders. To create raised beds, mix Enriched Topsoil 50/50 with the existing soil, or use on its own.

Enriched Topsoil can be mixed 50/50 with existing soil or used on its own to seed new lawns or before laying new turf.

Enriched Topsoil can be used on its own or mixed 50/50 with soil when replanting trees and shrubs.



## AVAILABLE IN



35LTR  
BAGS



## All-Purpose Natural Compost – Peat Free

### PRODUCT DETAILS

All-Purpose Natural Compost is an environmentally friendly all-rounder product, suitable for indoor plants and outdoors in your garden. It can be used for sowing seeds, rooting cuttings and filling pots, hanging baskets and tubs. All-Purpose Natural Compost is based on premium quality ingredients, enriched with naturally occurring nutrients and balanced fertiliser levels to ensure healthy and vigorous plants at all stages of growth and under a variety of situations, for use all year round.

### USES

- Fertiliser to encourage healthy growth
- Gives plants and seeds a great start when sowed
- Allows flowers and vegetables to flourish and grow

This product is free from peat, which is an increasingly rare natural resource. Peat bogs are an invaluable habitat for flora and fauna and an important store of carbon – destroying them to make garden compost contributes to battling climate change.



### AVAILABLE IN



50LTR  
BAGS



# Why is AHS committed to peat-free products?

Peatlands are carbon rich wetlands that cover up to 12% of the UK land area and 3% of the global land surface. When well-managed and maintained, they have a net cooling effect on climate, reduce flood risk and support biodiversity. Healthy peatlands can reduce the flow of water from the uplands and provide floodplain storage for the lowlands. They also provide essential habitat for many wading birds, rare insects, flora and fauna.

Around 80% of the 3 million hectares of UK peatland has been affected by human activities, including the extraction of peat from lowland bogs for the horticulture industry, forestry channels being dug in the uplands and the draining of the lowlands, resulting in this precious environment hanging in the balance. It is estimated that there are more than 3.2 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> being held in the UK peatlands alone and the affect it would have on the climate, if released, is unthinkable.

It takes 1,000 years for 1m of peat to form, so here at AHS we are doing our bit to help save this wonderful piece of natural habitat for the benefit of all, by ensuring that all our composts are absolutely peat-free. Support the continued fightback for UK peatlands by checking out our new Heart of Eden, All-Purpose Natural Compost, which is ethically produced and 100% peat-free!





# Empowering *CHANGE* for a brighter future

We are contributing to the Decade of Action  
with the Planet Mark



We're proud to have achieved The Planet Mark Business Certification. It is an internationally recognised sustainability certification for business acknowledging continuous progress, encouraging action and building an empowered community of like-minded individuals.

In this crucial **#DecadeofAction**, measuring our own carbon footprint has been a critical step in reducing our impact on the planet and society.

We want to continue to have a positive impact through our business and hope that we can empower our community to take climate action. We hope that you will join us in this movement for change.

Each and every one of you has contributed to our achievement in becoming Planet Mark certified, and will continue to play an important role in our ongoing commitment to sustainability.

We encourage you to get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions you'd like to share with us, or to join us on this exciting journey of sustainability.

Together, we are a force for good.

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