



Professional

# Orchid Mix

Osmocote® Professional Orchid Mix was specifically developed by horticultural experts to provide the ideal root environment for growing show quality orchids, including all Epiphytes and Terrestrial Orchids.

Engineered for ideal water to air ratio, this mix is formulated to contain balanced and slowly delivered nutrients, which are gentle on orchids.

- Contains Osmocote® controlled release plant food – feeds plants for up to 12 months.
- Formulated with coir chips and graded composted pine bark, which provides easy anchoring for roots and moisture retention.
- Professional grade wetting agent added to ensure uniform wetting mix and prevent drying out.
- Added Calcium to strengthen pseudo bulbs and flower stems, and encourage strong disease resistance.

## Easy to use instructions

We recommend wearing gardening gloves when using all planting materials.

## Where to use

Osmocote® Professional Orchid Mix is suitable for Epiphytes including Phalaenopsis, Dendrobium and Cattleya, and Terrestrial Orchids including Cymbidium.

## How to use



1. Use Osmocote® Professional Orchid Mix straight from the bag. For best results, do not mix with any other material. Close bag tightly after use.
2. Turn the plant out of its existing container. Loosen the root ball. If necessary separate into smaller clumps of 3 or 4 pseudo bulbs, and remove any damaged or dead roots.
3. Select a clean container with large drainage holes and partly fill the pot with Osmocote® Professional Orchid Mix.
4. Place the orchid in the pot so the crown is just below the rim.
5. Place more mix between and around the roots. Tap the new container gently to allow the mixture to settle. Do not pack down.
6. It is essential to water the plant after planting. Allow the excess water to drain away and place in the shade for 2–3 days to allow the plant to establish.

## For Better Results

### ...Start it Right

- Great soil is critical for spectacular plants. Osmocote® Professional Orchid Mix helps create an ideal growing environment to get orchids off to a great start.

### ...Feed it Right

- Most plants are hungry feeders. Begin a feeding program using Osmocote® controlled release plant food 12 months after planting. Always follow package instructions.
- If possible water plants early in the morning. Avoid late evening watering as this can increase plant disease. The frequency of watering will depend on the size of the plant and time of the year.

This mix complies with the requirements of AS3743 for a premium grade potting mix

## HAZARDOUS

### COMPOSTS, POTTING MIXES AND OTHER ORGANIC MATERIALS

This product is made from organic materials, including composted pinebark, and contains living micro-organisms, including bacteria, fungi and protozoa. Also contains mineral and fertiliser additives.

### RISK

Inhalation of dust and/or liquid mists may irritate, inflame or sensitise the nose, throat and lungs resulting in illnesses ranging from hayfever or asthma, to pneumonia (e.g. Legionnaire's disease) or pneumonia-like illnesses. Direct contact with this material or its dust and/or liquid mists (bioaerosols) may cause skin irritation (dermatitis), and skin or eye infection or irritation. People particularly at risk are those suffering from asthma or allergies, and those whose immune defence systems are compromised.

### SAFETY

Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Avoid breathing dust and/or liquid mists (bioaerosols). Wear suitable protective clothing and standard duty gloves (AS/NZS 2161.2). If exposed to dust and/or liquid mists, also wear dust resistant eye protection (AS/NZS 1336) and particulate respirator (AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716). Wash thoroughly immediately after handling. Wash work clothes regularly. Clean up by wet sweeping or vacuuming. Store this product in a cool location.

### FIRST AID

Irrigate eyes with plenty of water for 10 minutes. Wash skin with soap and water. Seek medical attention for any persistent skin, eye or respiratory symptoms.

### DISPOSAL

Follow above safety precautions and collect in containers for disposal as trade waste in accordance with local authority guidelines.

### STORE UNDER COOL CONDITIONS

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