



Professional

# Bonsai Mix

Osmocote® Professional Bonsai Mix was developed by horticultural experts specifically for bonsai plants. It is engineered to provide slow controlled growth, meeting the physical and nutritional needs of all bonsai plants.

- Contains Osmocote® controlled release plant food – feeds plants for up to 6 months.
- Professional grade granular wetting agent added to ensure uniform wetting and rewetting of mix.
- Contains Sandy Loam to provide ideal water and nutrient holding in a small container.

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.

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## Easy to use instructions

We recommend wearing gardening gloves when using all planting materials.

## Where to use

Osmocote® Professional Bonsai Mix is a unique mix ideal for potting, re-potting and growing all bonsai plants.

## How to use



1. Use Osmocote® Professional Bonsai Mix straight from the bag. For best results, do not mix with any other material.
2. Select a clean container with large drainage holes, which is in proportion to the size of your plant and its roots. The existing pot may be reused after cleaning.
3. Position anchor wires through the drainage holes, then cover the drainage holes with mesh and a layer of grit.
4. Water the plant thoroughly and then remove from existing pot.
5. Fill one-third of the pot with Osmocote® Professional Bonsai Mix.
6. Place the plant in the pot, and add more mix to the correct height - the surface of the mix should slope up from just below the rim of the container to the base of the bonsai trunk.
7. Firm lightly.
8. Water thoroughly and keep in a shaded spot for a few weeks to allow new roots to form.

## For Better Results

For the first few years, re-pot your bonsai every year in late winter.

### ...Repotting

1. Water the plant thoroughly and then remove from existing container. If this container remains correct in scale to the plant shape and size, then re-use after thorough cleaning.
2. Comb out the roots away from the trunk avoiding any roots that may be displayed on the soil surface. Cut back any long roots.
3. Insert an anchor wire through the drainage holes in the base of the container. Cover the drainage holes with mesh and a layer of grit.
4. Add a layer of Osmocote® Professional Bonsai Mix, position the plant on the layer of fresh potting mix and fix in place with the anchor wire.
5. Add more Osmocote® Professional Bonsai Mix and push it in between the roots with a stick to fill in any gaps.
6. Finish off by sloping the surface of the potting mix from the trunk to below the rim of the container so that watering can be completed easily.
7. Water plant thoroughly.

## Tips

### ...Watering

- Check your Bonsai for water requirements daily. In summer the plant may need to be watered every day. During dormant or semi-dormant periods, like winter and autumn, the amount of water required will be much less.

### ...Feeding

- Feed during the growing season every 6 months with Osmocote controlled release fertiliser at half the recommended rate. Not required within 6 months of potting mix purchase.
- Once the plant is established it will need to be root pruned and re-potted every few years. This encourages new feeder roots and allows the root ball to keep in scale with the top growth.