

Stronger, healthier plant growth

Levington® is the premium brand of compost as used by many professional gardeners and growers. Through a wealth of knowledge gained over 40 years of research, we have developed a unique combination of ingredients for Levington®.

Levington® Desert Cactus & Bonsai Compost is a free draining blend including sand, loam and peat, with essential plant nutrients, ideal for maintaining healthy cacti, succulents and bonsai trees.

Essential ingredients

- **Sand** improves drainage for optimum moisture balance.
- **Peat** provides organic matter to ensure that essential nutrients are available for the plant.

This unique blend makes Levington® Desert Cactus & Bonsai Compost ideal for potting, re-potting:

- **Cacti** • **Succulents** • **Bonsai trees**
- **Alpine plants** • **African Violets**

Care of your plants

Cacti

General care: Cacti do best when they are grown in direct sunlight. To flourish and flower they need watering and feeding during the active growing season.

Watering: Water the compost thoroughly with tepid rainwater; allow the surface to dry out before watering again.

Feeding: Between March and October they should be watered regularly and fed every 2 weeks with a balanced feed such as Miracle-Gro® Plant food at half the recommended rate.

Winter care: In winter keep compost cool and almost dry.

Bonsai

General care: Once established you will need to root prune and re-pot every few years. This encourages new feeder roots and allows the root ball to keep in scale with the canopy.

Watering: Check your Bonsai for water requirements daily. In Summer you may need to water the plant every evening.

Feeding: Feed during the growing season every 3 weeks with a balanced feed such as Miracle-Gro® Plant food at half the recommended rate.

Winter care: When the trees are dormant, natural rainfall may be sufficient for weeks on end.

Storage

Keep the bag closed in storage to prevent drying out.
Store in a cool, dry, frost free place, away from sun.
Storage from one year to another may affect performance.

Health and safety advice

Open bags carefully and reseal after use.
Use in a well ventilated place and avoid breathing in dust. Always wear gloves when gardening and then wash your hands after use.

Our commitment to sustainability

Each year, we reuse thousands of tonnes of material from gardens and forests in many of our compost mixes, to help you grow plants that enhance your environment and make the world more beautiful.

How to use

Use the compost directly from the bag. Do not mix with other materials. Firm only lightly.

Potting

Cacti

1. Select a Terracotta pot and wash thoroughly.
2. Fill 1/3 of the pot with drainage material such as grit or washed gravel. Cover with a layer of Levington® Desert Cactus and Bonsai Compost.
3. Insert the plant into the new container, infilling around the root ball with more compost.
4. Fill the pot to 10mm (1/2 inch) below the rim. Ensure the plant is at the same level of compost as it was in the previous container.
5. Top dress with gravel or grit.
6. Allow to settle for 2-3 days, then water with tepid rainwater.

Bonsai

1. Select a special pot with drainage holes that is in proportion to the size of your plant and its roots. The existing pot may be re-used after cleaning.
2. Position anchor wires through the drainage holes, then cover the drainage holes with mesh and a layer of grit.
3. Water the plant thoroughly and remove from the existing pot.
4. Add a layer of Levington® Desert Cactus and Bonsai Compost, plant the tree and add compost to the correct height (the surface of the compost should slope up from just below the rim of the container to the base of the Bonsai trunk).
5. Firm lightly and water thoroughly.
6. Keep in a shaded spot for a few weeks to allow roots to form.

Re-potting

Cacti

1. Select a container one size larger than the previous one, then follow potting instructions above.
2. Discard any surface dressing from the plant before inserting it into the new container.

Bonsai

Bonsai should be re-potted in late winter (just before bud burst) every year for the first few years.

1. Water the plant thoroughly and remove from the existing container. If the container remains correct in scale to the tree shape and size, then re-use after thoroughly 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. Follow steps 3 - 4 for potting ensuring all gaps between the roots are filled
4. Water the tree thoroughly.

Premium guarantee

If you are not completely satisfied with the performance of this product we offer you your money back.

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