Soil Mixes

Miller Garden Container Mix
Developed by the Elisabeth C. Miller Garden and Specialty Soils, Covington, WA

This will make a little over 2 cubic yards of soil

½ cubic yard         pumice
1 ½ cubic yards      medium bark (aged)
1/3 cubic yard       coarse compost
¾ pounds             ferrous sulfate
1 ½ pounds           gypsum
2 pounds             dolomite lime
1 ½ ounces           trace elements

Soil pH should run around 5-6

If you just need a little soil try this.

Richie’s Down and Dirty Quick Mix
1 part clean coarse compost
2 parts medium bark (aged preferred)
2 to 3 parts pumice or pea gravel (or perlite as a last resort)

You are on our own for the micro nutrients and pH

Both of these are great all purpose mixes that will hold up well over time, especially for woody plants and perennials in containers. This can also be used as a nursery pot soil mix.

If you are growing alpine plants or plants that require excellent drainage add 1 part Miller Garden Mix or Quick Mix with 1 part pumice or pea gravel

Pretty Alpine Mix

2 parts medium bark
1 part groco
3 parts pea gravel or granite grit
3 parts coarse builders sand

Bog Mix

1 part clean top soil or Michigan peat moss
1 part coarse builders sand