



## Garden Waste / Soil Recycling

Millions of tonnes of garden waste, including grass cuttings, pruning's and leaves, are sent to UK landfill sites every year – equivalent to filling the Royal Albert Hall with grass, twigs and leaves more than 70 times over.

All this can be recycled into soil conditioner and compost, which helps make gardens even greener.

### Soil Conditioner

All soil types benefit from having organic matter dug into or spread on it. Only 39% of people with gardens currently use soil conditioners. Soil conditioners that contain recycled garden material such as grass cuttings, pruning's and leaves – are a rich source of natural organic matter.

### Compost

Municipal compost can be turned into environmentally sound peat-free compost products. The production of this compost is covered by an industry quality standard (BSI PAS 100) to ensure that it is of a consistently high quality.

### Soil

The Environment Agency states that, "The treatment of soil for the purpose of reclamation, restoration or improvement of land is a recovery operation where the treated material serves a useful purpose in replacing other materials, so conserving natural resources."

In the case of soil, this arises when treated soil is used as a substitute for virgin materials.

Materials considered for recycling are sampled in accordance with EPA criteria and independently tested at certified laboratories prior to collection.



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