



Community Square Foot Gardening Information

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The Square Foot Gardening Foundation

- Website: www.squarefootgardening.org – sign up for the Newsletter
- Find a SFG Certified Instructor:
www.squarefootgardening.org/get-involved/find-a-certified-instructor
- SFG Events: www.squarefootgardening.org/in-the-news
- Get the All New Square Foot Gardening 3rd Edition book: <https://amzn.to/2VzAxC3>
- Square Foot Gardening Forum: free to join www.squarefoot.forummotion.com

PlantPure Communities

- Website: www.plantpurecommunities.org
- Gardening Toolkit: www.plantpurecommunities.org/gardening-toolkit
- YouTube: www.tinyurl.com/PPCwebinars

Community Gardening Project

- Starting a Community Garden:
aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/kindergarden/CHILD/COM/COMMUN.HTM
- Growing Community Gardens: www.lawnow.org/growing-community-gardens
- Developing Community Garden Grant Proposals:
www.gardeningknowhow.com/special/urban/community-garden-fundraising.htm
- For samples of by-laws and site rules, search the web for “community garden by-laws”.

Supplies

- Peat Moss: Easy to find in any big box store or garden center. If the bales are compressed (hard as a rock) then you'll need to thoroughly fluff it. It's a hard job and needs to be done well. Try to find bales that are more loosely compressed.
- Coarse Vermiculite: SFG Forum members compiled this list, so it may not be 100% accurate. Call the store first to confirm they have COARSE vermiculite in 2 or 3 cubic foot bags.
 - www.7springsfarm.com/vermiculite-coarse-grade-4-0-cu-ft-bag
 - www.amleo.com/a-3-coarse-grade-vermiculite/p/PVA34CF
 - www.greenhousemegastore.com/supplies/soil-and-soil-amendments/vermiculite
 - www.uline.com/BL_3801/Vermiculite
- Blended Compost: Look for a local source of compost. This site may be helpful:
www.findacomposter.com
- Bagged Compost: Compost is usually the castoff of a single manufacturing process – sugar beets, the lumber industry, cotton hulls, composted manure, lobster or crab shells, corn, etc. Choose at least 5 different types. There are some premium brands that have a mix of 2 or 3 things. BTW, Mushroom compost is not made from mushrooms – it is what the mushrooms were grown in. (If using bagged compost, read the ingredients list. If one of the first 3 ingredients listed is “peat moss” there isn't likely much actual compost in it.)
- Coco Coir: Several places sell it. Rinse very well as it may have a lot of sodium (salt) in it.
 - Serendib's EcoCoir: www.ecocoirus.com