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