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### Melcourt Bark helps Garden Organic help gardeners grow (May 09)

Melcourt Growbark® , an organically certified bark, has been used at the Warwickshire grounds of the UK's leading organic growing charity, Garden Organic, to demonstrate to gardeners how to make their garden compost more versatile. Home composting has long been championed by the charity as an excellent means of returning fertility to the garden, and, in more recent years Government has encouraged us all to home compost as a means of reducing the amount of waste going in to landfill. However, once composted, using the material around the garden can be limited to mulching and soil improving unless the compost is blended with other materials that reduce the compost's nutrient and pH levels.



Melcourt undertook a series of trials to demonstrate that its Growbark® , a fine composted bark, could be simply blended with garden compost to produce an effective and easy seed compost. The addition of an organic fertilizer turns the blend into an all-purpose potting compost giving excellent results in a variety of applications. Garden Organic recently hosted a workshop to demonstrate to visitors how easily their home compost could be turned into an effective, versatile and economical organic peat free medium.

Catherine Dawson, Melcourt's R&D Co-ordinator said, 'We are delighted to have helped Garden Organic in their mission to get us all to extend our home composting. Melcourt Growbark® is second to none as a diluent for materials which are otherwise too strong for the more exacting garden applications and our trials have proved this. We are selling more and more of this product to green compost producers who are doing exactly the same with it but at an industrial scale.'

Garden Organics' Jane Griffiths from the charity's Sustainable Waste management team was delighted at the response. 'Organic and conventional gardeners are often disappointed with the results they obtain when using only garden compost as a seed or potting on mix. With the addition of Melcourt's Growbark® we can now give them an easy formula which will give much better results derived from sustainable inputs.'



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