

Wonderful Organic Products Offer Up Safer Alternatives!

The friendly folks at E. B. Stone Organics have provided superb organic products to green growers since 1916. They offer organic fertilizers, plant foods, soils and soil amendments to serve independent dealers and nurseries everywhere. Established in Suisun, California, by grower E. B. Stone, he managed the operations until his retirement in 1979. Family owners continue to grow the business into a leading organic provider.



For 2006 E. B. Stone is introducing organic pest control products. The plant derivative they use is all natural. It's made in the U.S. using cutting edge European innovation.

New this year, for example, is an insect soap providing natural protection against invasive insect pests, yet remains harmless to people and pets. Another great product E. B. Stone has begun marketing is a copper-based fungicide. Copper levels are set at the lowest effective level allowable while remaining especially effective, Fulk assured.

"What I like best about this work is everyday I go into the market place where we put quality products," remarked Fulk. "The products we put in the hands of our consumers are top quality, they work, and they're safe for pets, children and adults," commented Kim Fulk, the accounts manager for E. B. Stone.

Organic potting soil, mulch and planting compost are two popular products they offer growers. For lawns, vegetables, flowering plants, E.B. Stone produces top notch solutions that improve growers' bottom line. "The blended fertilizers we manufacture right here. In fact, we offer our custom blended soils and fertilizers plus private label options to our clients," Fulk noted.



"Organic products are now mainstream", she remarked. "The movement to care for the earth is very real in this market".

To get a better feel for the wide variety of organic products E.B. Stone markets exclusively to independent nurseries; please visit their dynamic website at www.ebstone.org. For orders and product inquiries they invite you to call them toll-free at **1-800-473-3625**.

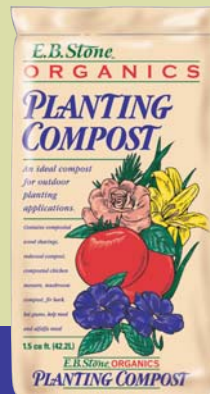
There's an easier way to get good compost....



Great gardens are made from E.B. Stone Planting Compost.

Soil is the foundation for strong healthy plants.

E.B. Stone Planting Compost will help break up heavy clay soils and can be used for all outdoor gardening. Just mix with your native soil.



EB Stone Planting Compost
Create a foundation for your plants

Available at fine nurseries and garden centers.

Plant the Future with a Tree

A single tree can do wonders for your home and garden. It can provide colorful fall leaves, flowers, fruit or nuts and raise your real estate value. It can be an environmentally wise summer air conditioner for your home. Yes, indeed, a tree is a marvelous creation! Trees also help process carbon dioxide and turn it back into oxygen. This is a very important reason to plant trees in our gardens, parks and cities. Consider giving trees as anniversary presents, to commemorate important dates in the lives of friends and families or give one or more as a house-warming present. Planting trees just makes a lot of sense. Fall is for planting, join in!

How To Plant A Tree Successfully

(These tips are provided by the California Association of Nurserymen and California ReLEAF)

- Dig the hole two times wider than the container or root ball of the tree. Make vertical sides to the hole and roughen them so the roots can penetrate.
- Remove the container just before the tree is put into the hole. Move the tree by the root ball rather than the trunk. Minimize the time the roots are exposed to air. Roots circling around the outside of the root ball should be cut vertically in five places around the circumference. Cut off matted roots from the bottom of the root ball.
- Set the root ball on undisturbed soil. Adjust the best side of the tree to face the direction you want. Make sure the top surface of the root ball is one inch higher than the natural soil grade. Lay a stick or shovel handle across the hole to see if the root ball is high or low.
- Fill the hole in and around the root ball with the soil you removed from the hole in Step One. If the soil is filled with rocks, rake out the larger ones. Break up any clods and mix them with good topsoil. Firm the soil around the root ball until the hole is two-thirds full.
- Fill the remaining space with water. Finish filling the hole with soil, but do not tamp. No fill soil should be put on top of the root ball.
- Mound what soil is left into a six-inch high berm around the edge of the planting hole. Fill the basin around the tree with water to wet and settle the soil.
- Place a three-inch layer mulch (bark or organic compost) around the tree. Mulch helps control weeds and retains water in the soil. Keep lawns 18 inches away from the trunk.
- Remove the stake that came with the tree. Restake your tree only if the tree cannot support itself. Use two stakes and place them 12 inches away from the trunk on either side to support the tree against the wind. Use soft flexible garden ties to secure the tree to the stakes.

This information has been provided from the California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers web site. Please check their web site, www.cangc.org, for more information.