

The Gardener's Corner Ocean Safe Nutrient Mixes



Ocean Safe Nutrient Mixes for Coastal San Diego County Vegetables

Pre Plant Mix

Before planting your spring crop replenish the minerals in your soil with this mix.

4 parts Cottonseed Meal

1 parts Rock Phosphate

8 parts Worm Castings

1 part Potassium Sulfate

½ part shrimp or crab meal (optional)

Sprinkle 4 to 6 quarts of this mix on 100 square feet. Mix thoroughly into the top 6 to 8 inches. Irrigate thoroughly before planting.

Post Plant Mix

After planting, you can use either a foliar spray or soil applied nutrients to help increase plant vigor.

Soil Applied

Apply El Corazon Compost Tea once per month at the rate of 1 gallon per 100 square feet. Worm Castings: Don't let your worm casting go unused! Band casting along vegetable rows during the growing season and water in thoroughly.

Foliar Applied

In addition, apply liquid kelp every 2 weeks as a foliar spray throughout the season OR the following mix adapted from Michael Phillips' book, The Holistic Orchard:

2.5 oz. pure Neem oil1 t. insecticidal soap10 oz. liquid fish5 t. soluble kelp powder

Mix in a 5-gallon container of El Corazon Compost Tea

Fallow Mix

In the fall after harvest apply 5 pounds of agricultural gypsum per 100 square feet. Cover with up to 1 inch of Humic Compost. Apply 1-2 inches of water monthly if it doesn't rain.