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Peat-free since 1983

Professional Growers' Range

Proven in nurseries
for 25 years



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*Responsibly sourced, peat-free growing media,
trusted by professional growers*



Our professional growers' product range

From ready-to-use peat-free growing media to bark-based ingredients, pot mulches and orchid bark, Melcourt provides professional growers with consistent, reliable products for a wide range of

commercial applications. Products are available across a range of formats including 50L and 60L bags, bulk bags, maxi-bales and loose bulk.



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Responsibly-sourced peat-free growing media				
Sylvamix® Nursery Stock Open-structured, free-flowing growing medium for nursery stock, trees, herbaceous perennials and alpine.	✓			7
Sylvamix® Potting Fine, free-flowing growing medium for bedding plants, herbaceous perennials, pot plants and general production.	✓			7
Sylvamix® Hanging Basket Formulated for hanging baskets, tubs and troughs where enhanced moisture retention is required.	✓			7
Sylvamix® Seed and Cutting For propagation, seed sowing, strong early root development and successful germination of a wide range of plants.	✓			7
Sylvamix® Natural Soil Association approved, peat-free growing medium for ornamental and edible crops.	✓			8
Sylvamix® Autumn Bedding A fine, free-flowing, ready-to-use peat-free growing medium that is particularly well-suited to autumn bedding production.	✓			8
Sylvamix® Ericaceous Low pH formula for plants which prefer acidic conditions.	✓			8
Sylvamix® Special A prescription mix service tailored to individual crop, irrigation and production requirements.	✓			8
Growing media ingredients				
Coir Fine, washed coir fibre from known, socially compliant sources, offering good moisture-holding and excellent rewetting qualities.		✓		9
Propagating Bark™ Fine, matured pine bark for propagation mixes and premium pot mulching.		✓	✓	9
EcoBark™ Topper An attractive dark-coloured mixed conifer bark for pot mulching and weed suppression.		✓	✓	9
Potting Bark™ A matured pine bark chip for improving air-filled porosity and long-term structural stability, also suitable as a pot mulch.		✓	✓	10
Orchid Barks				
Orchid Bark™ Coarse Chunky, fine-free pine bark for orchid composts requiring free drainage and long-term structure.			✓	10
Orchid Bark™ Medium A smaller grade of fine-free pine bark for orchid composts and specialist growing applications.			✓	10

Celebrating 25 years of Sylvamix®



Since 2001, Sylvamix® has helped nurseries and commercial growers across the UK produce top-quality crops while supporting the move away from peat-based growing media.

Continually refined through nursery trials, technical feedback and real-world commercial use, Sylvamix® remains trusted quite simply

because it delivers outstanding performance consistently.

Derived from responsibly sourced ingredients and backed by practical horticultural expertise and rigorous quality control, Sylvamix® continues to help growers grow with confidence.



Why growers trust Melcourt

For over four decades, Melcourt has been developing peat-free growing media from responsibly sourced materials. Continually refined through nursery trials, technical feedback and real-world commercial use, the result is high-performance growing media trusted by nurseries across the UK.



Consistency you can plan around

All Melcourt products and ingredients are extensively tested in a rigorous quality assurance programme that ensures product quality and consistency, year in, year out. Results from our in-house labs are also routinely verified by an independent, accredited laboratory.



Built around your nursery

Our grower products are bespoke to each customer, every order is discussed and agreed with our experienced technical sales managers. From standard formulations to Sylvamix® Special prescription mixes, we help growers find the right solution for their crop production.



A commitment to customer care

Our aim has always been to provide the highest quality products, supported by exceptional customer service. To achieve this, we offer comprehensive technical assistance tailored to our customers' needs, helping to build strong, collaborative, and long-lasting relationships.

We're always happy to welcome visitors to our office and production facility near Tetbury in Gloucestershire. Please contact us to arrange a visit.

Technical experts with real-world experience

At Melcourt, technical support means more than product knowledge. Our technical sales managers come from commercial growing backgrounds, with first-hand experience of the day-to-day realities of nursery production. They understand the pressures growers face because they've faced them themselves. Crop consistency. Labour efficiency. Irrigation. Nutrition. Seasonal planning. Tight margins. Unexpected challenges.

That's why we work in partnership with our customers, providing practical, ongoing support that goes far beyond supplying growing media.

Supporting growers every step of the way

Whether you need a standard mix, a fully bespoke formulation, or support to help fine-tune your production, our team is here to help you grow with confidence.

- On-site nursery visits
- Product trials under commercial conditions
- Crop-specific technical advice
- Irrigation and nutrition guidance
- Troubleshooting and problem solving
- Sylvamix® Special bespoke formulations
- Long-term planning and continuous optimisation

Meet your technical team



Neil Gray | Associate Director

Neil has many years' experience of commercial horticultural production across a wide range of crops and is known for his practical advice, integrity and commitment to building productive long-term partnerships.

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Richard Cave | Technical Sales Manager

Richard brings extensive commercial growing experience and works closely with customers to provide sound technical advice, support nursery trials and offer practical growing solutions.

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Dr Victoria Wright | Technical Manager

Victoria has worked across the ornamentals industry in the UK since the early 2000s. She brings a wealth of growing media experience at both a scientific and practical nursery level.



Responsibly-sourced peat-free growing media

Formulated using responsibly sourced materials, including Melcourt's unique wood fibre, composted bark and coir from audited sources, Sylvamix® delivers free-flowing performance, excellent handling and long-term structural stability.

Unlike many alternative growing media, **Sylvamix® does not readily slump or compress in the pot**, helping to maintain structure over time, deliver more usable volume and improve operational efficiency throughout production.



HARDY'S COTTAGE GARDEN PLANTS

Multiple Chelsea Gold Medal winners, recognised as one of the UK's leading plantsmen's nurseries.



"We love using Sylvamix® because of its consistent quality and because it simply does the job. We are busy like many nurseries with so many demands on our precious time that having a reliable product is fantastic."

Rob & Rosy Hardy

Henry Street Rose Nursery

Award-winning family business and one of the UK's largest specialist rose growers.



"Having relied on Melcourt Nursery Stock compost for over 15 years, the exceptional quality and dedicated service from their team have been vital to our nursery's success. It provides the perfect foundation, allowing us to consistently produce and deliver an outstanding plant for our customers."

Mark & Oliver Goold

Growing Media

The Melcourt Sylvamix® range of professional peat-free growing media provides growers with consistent, cost effective solutions to growing superb ornamental and edible crops. It does so without the use of peat and thus places growers in the right position for the Government's target to phase out the use of peat in horticulture.

Sylvamix® Nursery Stock

Open-structured, free-flowing growing medium for nursery stock, trees, herbaceous perennials and alpine.

Description	An open-structured, free-flowing, ready-to-use peat-free growing media that supports strong rooting and superb top growth.
Use for	A wide range of nursery stock, trees, herbaceous perennials and alpine in pot sizes from 5cm to 250 litres or more. Also for vegetative propagation and seed sowing.
Key properties	Very resistant to structural breakdown, giving good long term porosity and excellent year-round root health. Consistent, reliable and cost-effective.
Nutrients	Supplied with nutrition for the first 4-6 weeks and is compatible with the use of controlled-release fertilisers and liquid feed programmes.
Available in	50L bags, Bulk bags, Maxi-bales, Loose Bulk

Sylvamix® Hanging Basket

Formulated for hanging baskets, tubs and troughs where enhanced moisture retention is required.

Description	A fine, free-flowing, ready-to-use peat-free growing medium specially formulated to give enhanced moisture retention for superb quality hanging baskets, tubs and troughs.
Use for	Specially formulated for hanging baskets, tubs, troughs and any application where a higher moisture retention is required.
Key properties	Contains H2Gro® water management aid giving enhanced moisture holding capacity. Free-flowing and easy to use.
Nutrients	Supplied with nutrition for the first 4-6 weeks and is compatible with the use of controlled-release fertilisers and liquid feed programmes.
Available in	50L bags, Bulk bags, Maxi-bales, Loose Bulk

Sylvamix® Potting

Fine, free-flowing growing medium for bedding plants, herbaceous perennials, pot plants and general production.

Description	A fine, free-flowing, ready-to-use peat-free growing medium that supports the rapid development of excellent top and root growth.
Use for	A wide range of applications including bedding plants, herbaceous perennials and pot plants, in all pot sizes. Also for vegetative propagation and seed sowing.
Key properties	Consistent, reliable, easy to use and cost-effective.
Nutrients	Supplied with nutrition for the first 4-6 weeks and is compatible with the use of controlled-release fertilisers and liquid feed programmes.
Available in	50L bags, Bulk bags, Maxi-bales, Loose Bulk

Sylvamix® Seed and Cutting

For propagation, seed sowing, strong early root development and successful germination of a wide range of plants.

Description	A free-flowing, ready-to-use peat-free growing medium.
Use for	All types of vegetative propagation and for all but the finest of seeds.
Key properties	Provides the perfect conditions for excellent root initiation and development and for the successful germination of a wide range of plant types.
Nutrients	Supplied with nutrition for the first 4-6 weeks and is compatible with the use of controlled-release fertilisers and liquid feed programmes.
Available in	50L bags, Bulk bags, Maxi-bales, Loose Bulk



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Growing Media

Sylvamix® Natural

A Soil Association approved organic, free-flowing, ready-to-use, peat-free growing medium.



Description	Approved Organic, peat-free growing medium for ornamental and edible crops.
Use for	A wide range of organic growing applications including ornamental and edible crops from seed-sowing to potting on.
Key properties	Soil Association approved. Easy to use, consistent and cost-effective.
Nutrients	Supplied with an organic approved base fertiliser and requires supplementary feeding.
Available in	50L bags, Bulk bags, Maxi-bales, Loose Bulk

Sylvamix® Autumn Bedding

A fine, free-flowing, ready-to-use peat-free growing medium that is particularly well-suited to autumn bedding production.

Description	A fine, free-flowing, ready-to-use peat-free growing medium that is particularly well-suited to autumn bedding production.
Use for	A wide range of autumn bedding such as violas, pansies, polyanthus and primroses. Can also be used for vegetative propagation and seed sowing.
Key properties	Lower nutrient level than Sylvamix® Potting , consistent, reliable, easy to use and cost effective.
Nutrients	Supplied with nutrition for the first 4-6 weeks and is compatible with the use of controlled-release fertilisers and liquid feed programmes.
Available in	50L bags, Bulk bags, Maxi-bales, Loose Bulk



Sylvamix® Ericaceous

Low pH formula for plants which prefer acidic conditions.

Description	A fine, free-flowing ready-to-use peat-free growing medium suitable for a wide range of acid loving plants or for use where alkaline water sources are used.
Use for	Formulated to support the growth of plants that prefer acidic growing media conditions.
Key properties	Easy to use, consistent and cost-effective.
Nutrients	Contains a base fertiliser for the initial 4-6 weeks and best results will be obtained by using liquid feed or the addition of controlled release fertilisers at the outset.
Available in	50L bags, Bulk bags, Maxi-bales, Loose Bulk

Sylvamix® Special

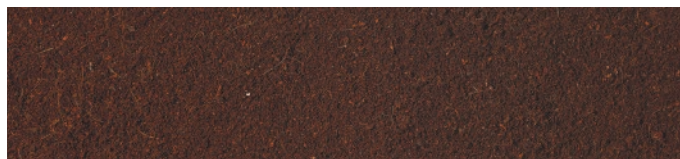
A prescription mix service tailored to individual crop, irrigation and production requirements.

Description	Sylvamix® Special is the prescription mix service fulfilling the specific requirements of individual growers, incorporating modifications to any of the standard Sylvamix® formulae, for example by the addition of controlled-release fertilisers, sterilized loam or other ingredients.
Available in	50L bags, Bulk bags, Maxi-bales, Loose Bulk



Growing Media Ingredients and Pot Mulches

Carefully selected and processed for consistency, reliability and long-term structural performance in commercial growing systems. Our growing media ingredients help growers create mixes with excellent air-filled porosity, water management and resistance to slumping over time.



Coir

Fine, washed coir fibre from known, socially compliant sources, offering good moisture-holding and excellent rewetting qualities.

Particle size	0-6mm
Use for	Fine, consistent, washed coir fibre from known, socially compliant sources in India.
Key properties	Ideal as a growing medium ingredient.
Nutrients	Imparts a good moisture-holding capacity and excellent re-wetting qualities.
Available in	60L bags, Bulk bags, Loose Bulk

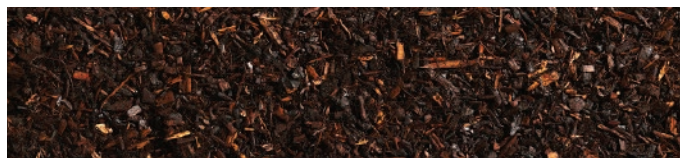


Propagating Bark™

Fine, matured pine bark for propagation mixes and premium pot mulching.



Particle size	2-7mm
Description	Substantially dust free, matured, pine bark.
Primary use	In mixes with peat or suitable alternatives for the vegetative propagation of nursery stock and a wide range of other plants.
Secondary use	Also an excellent finer pot mulch to suppress weed, moss and liverwort growth giving a very smart appearance for premium lines.
Available in	60L bags, Bulk bags, Maxi-bales



EcoBark™ Topper

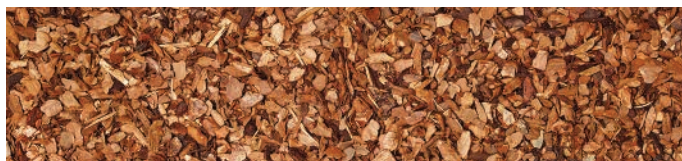
An attractive dark-coloured mixed conifer bark for pot mulching, weed suppression and as a coarse growing medium ingredient.



Particle size	0-12mm
Description	Attractive, dark-coloured, mixed-conifer bark.
Primary use	Pot mulching where it offers excellent natural cohesion and effective suppression of moss, liverwort and weed growth.
Secondary use	Can also be used as an excellent growing medium ingredient and for heeling-in.
Available in	60L bags, Bulk bags, Maxi-bales, Loose Bulk



Growing Media Ingredients and Pot Mulches



Potting Bark™



A matured pine bark chip for improving air-filled porosity and long-term structural stability, also suitable as a pot mulch.

Particle size	3-15mm
Description	A matured pine bark chip, mid to dark brown in colour, with virtually no fines.
Primary use	Incorporation into peat-based or peat-free growing media, to improve both air-filled porosity and long-term structural stability.
Secondary use	Also an excellent pot mulch to suppress weed, moss and liverwort growth.
Available in	60L bags, Bulk bags, Maxi-bales, Loose Bulk

Orchid Bark

Produced from high-quality pine bark to provide the excellent drainage and long-term structural stability demanded by orchid growers.



Orchid Bark™ Coarse



Chunky, fine-free pine bark for orchid composts requiring free drainage and long-term structure.

Particle size	15-35mm
Description	Chunky, fine-free pine barks.
Primary use	Orchid composts.
Secondary use	Provide extremely free drainage and excellent long-term structural stability.
Available in	60L bags, Bulk bags, Maxi-bales



Orchid Bark™ Medium



A smaller grade of fine-free pine bark for orchid composts and specialist growing applications.

Particle size	5-15mm
Description	Chunky, fine-free pine barks.
Primary use	Orchid composts.
Secondary use	Provide extremely free drainage and excellent long-term structural stability.
Available in	60L bags, Bulk bags, Maxi-bales

All of our products are FSC® certified



Building a more sustainable business

As a long-standing holder of **Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®)** certification, we are proud to work with supply chains that support responsible forestry and full traceability. Melcourt's commitment to continuous environmental improvement is independently recognised through **Planet Mark Business Certification**. Planet Mark is a leading sustainability accreditation that verifies organisations are measuring and reducing their carbon emissions while embedding sustainable practices throughout their operations.

Melcourt has also played a leading role in the creation and ongoing development of the **Responsible Sourcing Scheme** for Growing Media (RSS), developed by the Growing Media Association in collaboration with the Horticultural Trades Association, leading retailers, Defra and environmental NGOs. The RSS scheme assesses the environmental and social impacts of each raw material against seven key criteria, helping growers and consumers make more informed choices. All eligible Melcourt products now carry an audited RSS score. The scheme is also now open to growers – ask us for more details or visit responsiblesourcing.org.uk.

Many of our products are also suitable for organic use and approved by the **Soil Association**, giving growers additional confidence when selecting the right products for their crops.

These certifications and initiatives demonstrate Melcourt's dedication to reducing environmental impact and delivering products that contribute to the future of commercial growing, landscaping and gardening.

Packaging plays an important role in protecting growing media and maintaining product quality, but we recognise the need to reduce plastic use wherever practical. That's why we continue to review our packaging formats, material specifications and supply chain processes to reduce plastic consumption while maintaining the strength, reliability and shelf life that growers depend on.

From bulk loose loads and maxi-bales to recyclable packaging formats, we are continually looking for practical ways to reduce material use while delivering the quality and consistency our customers expect.

Memberships, Associations, Affiliations & Endorsements



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Certified Business



Perennial Partner



WHERE TO BUY

Melcourt professional grower products are available from our unique network of appointed horticultural distributors.

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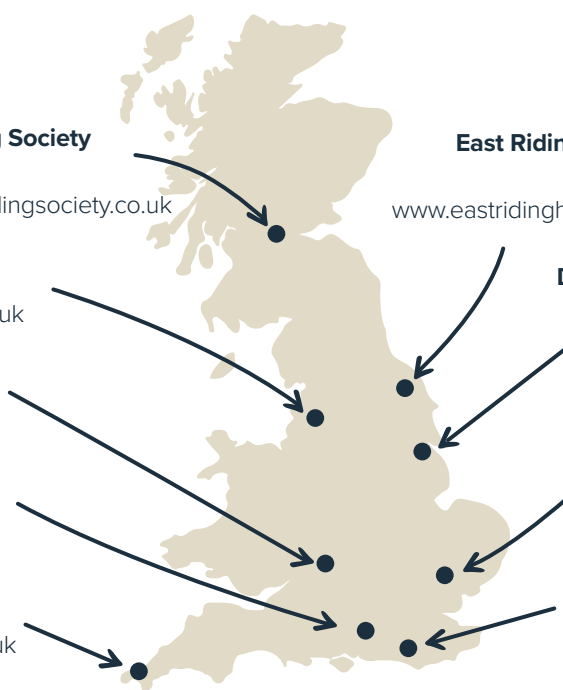
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peat-free, and Melcourt
is leading the way.*

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