

# Your Soil

Caring for it and Improving it!  
Practical and Cost Effective Tips



The starting point for  
successful growing

Some Issues raised in recent presentations:

- Loss of Top Soil
- Reduced Carbon Content
- Reduced Organic Matter Content
- Reduced Worm and Microbial Activity

What can we do about these issues ?

- Add organic matter:
  - Compost
  - Animal Manure
  - Green Manure
  - Chop & Drop
  - Additives
- Mulch





## Compost/Manure

- Use what you have
- Each batch is likely to have different ingredients
- Work the comfrey hard
- Additives



# Adding kitchen scraps to compost or manure.

If you do not make compost you can always  
add directly to the soil.....trenching or  
individual holes.



## Green Manure:

- Warm Season:
- Cool Season:
- Legumes and Inoculants:
- Weeds:
- Grass Clippings:



















Using Fresh or partially composted Manure and Compost



# Raw/Fresh manure







Fresh Manure spread on a bed to be incorporated by rotary hoe.

Can also use fresh grass Clippings.

Needs 3 to 6 months to decompose sufficiently to Plant or sow.

Technique requires forward Planning.



# Ridged Beds





Chop and Drop







# Mulching



Importance of mulching:

- Suppressing weed growth
- Conserving moisture
- Moderates adverse effects of Climate



# Forward Planning