

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