

PREPARING SOIL IN PILES OR BINS

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The bedding plant season is now past and the growing media needs to be replenished. Make sure to soil test your mix. The nominal charge for the UConn soil mailer (available from the local Extension Office) will avoid problems and help start the crops off properly.

Other tips to remember are:

1. Incorporate the dolomitic limestone and superphosphate, based on a soil test recommendation.
2. Incorporate 1-2 lbs of Electra (5-10-3) per cubic yard to provide some background nutrition.
3. Do not overmix growing media (don't beat it to death but leave space for tumbling in cement mixer types). Fine mixes are not normally conducive to optimum plant growth.
4. Disinfest (steam or chemically) and protect piles from recontamination. When chemical treatments are used, follow all label directions and precautions.
5. Aerate chemically treated media before use.

Give'em a chance.
Don't Guess - - Soil Test!

