

Loudoun Composting

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Application Rates for **SOILMATE®** Compost

Turf Establishment / Sod Installation / Soil Renovation

Incorporate 1 to 3 inches of **SOILMATE®** into the top 4 to 6 inches of soil (3-9 cu yds/1000 sq ft). Use higher rate for less fertile soil.

Turf Maintenance / Topdressing

Broadcast 1/3 inch of **SOILMATE®** (approximately 1 cu yd / 1000 sq ft) on established turf and rake in. For best results aerate soil prior to topdressing.

Flower Beds / Topdressing

Mix or rototill 1 to 3 inches of **SOILMATE®** into the soil prior to planting.

Tree and Shrub Planting

Uniformly mix **SOILMATE®** with existing soil and use at a rate of 25% **SOILMATE®** to 75% soil and use as backfill for trees and shrubs.

Shrub Maintenance / Mulching

Spread **SOILMATE®** 2 to 3 inches thick over planting areas or individual plant pits.

Field Nursery Production

Incorporate 2 to 3 inches of **SOILMATE®** into the top 4 to 6 inches of soil. Test soil pH levels where ericaceous crops are grown.