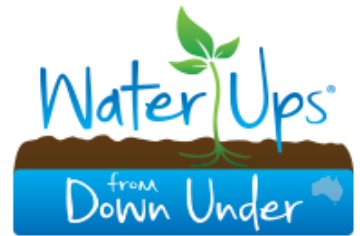


WaterUps – Soil Considerations



Wicking beds (or self-watering garden beds) are increasingly popular as they **minimise water waste** and significantly **reduce the amount of time and water** required to keep plants healthy.

To achieve the best outcome, you need to get the basics right, and in the case of planting, this begins with the soil.

Your choice of soil and potting mix should contain a good amount of organic matter as well as composted material, together with some coarse sand to ensure efficient *wicking*.

Your local nursery or landscape supply company can assist you to purchase the right ingredients to best suit your area and your plans. The following tips may also be of assistance:

Veggie Bed Mix

The optimal veggie bed mix should contain approximately:

- ✔ 70% good quality veggie potting mix, with dolomite and complete fertilisers or Composted pine barks
- ✔ 20% Coarse sand and ash, and
- ✔ 10% Cow manure

Ornamental Bed Mix

The optimal ornamental bed mix should contain a combination of the following:

- ✔ Composted pine bark
- ✔ Coarse sand
- ✔ Composted sawdust
- ✔ Ash
- ✔ Coco peat, and
- ✔ Fertilizers

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