



Working with Potting Mix Procedure

Potting mixes may contain bacteria that can be harmful to adults and children. When using potting mix

- Purchasing a product that complies with the Australian Standard (AS 3743)
- Reading the manufacturer's instructions printed on the bag before using the mix.
- Being careful not to inhale airborne particles before exposing the potting mix to children. In the case of airborne particles wear a paper mask that fits over the mouth and nose
- Opening the bag slowly prior to the children arriving
- Dampening the mixture with a light spray of water to reduce the risk of airborne particles
- Placing the potting mix in a tray to enable the children to scoop it into pots or onto plants
- Always wearing gloves when handling potting mix. Rinse or dispose of gloves afterwards
- If children are using the potting mix, provide children with adequate fitting gloves if available. Alternatively, encourage children to use tools such as a trowel, spade or old spoon
- Washing hands thoroughly with soap and water after using potting mix
- Storing potting mix securely away from children.

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