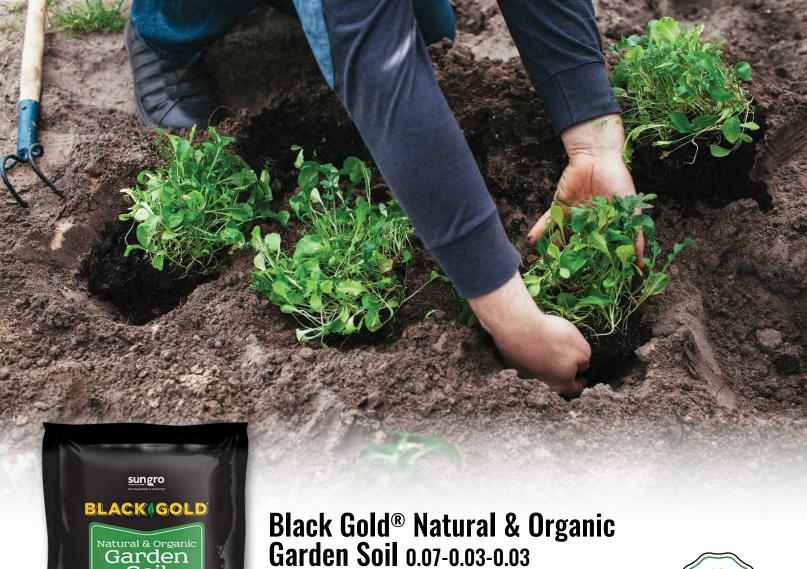
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## **How to Use Black Gold® Natural & Organic Garden Soil**

Bed Prep: Fill raised beds by blending equal parts topsoil or native soil with Black Gold® Natural & Organic Garden Soil. For in-ground gardens, cover weed-free beds with 2-3 inches of amendment, work it in using a hand spade or rototiller, then level the soil with a hard rake. (Use the table below to determine bag numbers needed for your garden.) For individual plantings, amend planting holes as needed.

Design & Planning:

Design beds using plants with similar light, soil, water, and nutrient needs. Consider height, color, and texture when designing for curb appeal. Choose low-maintenance varieties that look great all season and require less care. Plan beds for the right season. Cool-season flowers and vegetables can endure mild spring frosts, while warm-season flowers and vegetables must be planted after the threat of frost as passed.

Planting: Follow special tag instructions when planting nursery grown plants. Dig a planting hole slightly wider and no deeper than the root ball. If the roots are densely entwined, gently loosen them for better soil-to-root contact. While planting, work in amended soil around the roots to remove air pockets. Mulch newly installed plants (without covering their stems) to increase water retention.

Watering & Feeding:
All new plantings
require regular water and
fertilizer for good growth and
establishment. Determine the
moisture needs of your plants
before establishing a regular
watering program. Start a
supplemental feeding program
one week after planting.
Consult your local garden
center to determine the best
year-round feeding program for
your specific plants' needs.

**Cleaning:** Clean beds are better beds. Remove old blossoms or browning stems from garden flowers. Once vegetables have stopped producing. remove the old plants to reduce the chance for insect and disease problems. At the end of the season, cut back perennials, remove old annuals, and add fresh mulch to your beds.









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