



## *Compost Tea*

Compost tea is simply a concentrated liquid extract from compost. Our compost tea is aerobically-brewed from high quality manure compost. Compost tea provides many benefits to farmers and gardeners by:

- Providing a wide array of nutrients to the soil and to the plant leaf surfaces,
- Delivering nutrients in a form that the plants can absorb and the beneficial soil microbes can use,
- Breaking down toxic pesticides and other chemical residues,
- Helping to fix nitrogen,
- Competing with and fighting against disease organisms,
- Improving the soil's structure, water permeability, and water-holding capacity, and
- Breaking down plant residues more quickly.

Our compost tea is brewed fresh each week. It is generally available for purchase Thursday through Sunday – call first for availability. The compost tea should be used within eight hours of purchase. This is because once the microorganisms leave the aerobic brewer, they only have eight hours' worth of oxygen in the bottle on which to survive. Always filter the compost tea – using a sock or pantyhose for example – before pouring into a sprayer. It contains particles which may clog a sprayer.

**As a general purpose supplement for plant health:** One gallon of compost tea may be mixed with one gallon of non-chlorinated water and sprayed on all plants. A pump sprayer works well for this. This two gallon amount can cover up to 5000 square feet. As with any liquid, only spray leaves in early morning or late evening. To be on the safe side, we don't recommend spraying compost tea on any edible parts of plants. For example, a tomato plant may be sprayed up until the point when it forms the first fruit. In addition, compost tea may be sprayed on the soil and poured around the root system, drenching plants with its rich goodness.

**As a disease-control spray:** Compost tea should be sprayed undiluted. In this form, one gallon may cover up to 2500 square feet. Ideally, for disease control, spray the compost tea undiluted thoroughly onto plant leaf surfaces once a week for one month, and then once a month thereafter. As with any liquid, only spray leaves early in the morning or late in the evening. For soil-borne diseases and for further benefits, the soil around the plant(s) may be drenched, as well.

Properly brewed, aerobically-produced good quality compost tea is a state-of-the-art organic supplement that safely nourishes, protects, and enhances plant growth. For more information on compost tea visit [www.soilfoodweb.com](http://www.soilfoodweb.com).

Happy gardening!

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