



GRO Compost Specification for General Landscaping and Gardening (Non-Sensitive Land) use

Summary of compliant applications

- GRO Compost has been specially formulated and matured to comply with Australian Standards (AS4454:2012).
- Physical, chemical and trace element parameters are routinely tested and reported at levels that support the protection of public health and amenity when GRO compost products are applied in accordance with the specified blends and application methods.
- Approved uses for GRO Compost associated with general gardening and landscaping are provided below.
- Product assurance procedures are in place to monitor and ensure product quality and to maintain product consistency.

Compliant applications

Turf base – recreational; parks and sporting ovals and turf farms	✓
Garden mix and landscaping – recreation parks, sporting ovals, kerbsides/nature strips	✓
Garden mix for commercial horticulture or pot planting (commercial horticulture only - no domestic sale for potting mix)	✓
Garden mix, landscaping and gardens in commercial/industrial settings (no domestic)	✓
Roadside plantings and landscaping for re-vegetation (embankments)	✓
Garden mix for landscaping at tertiary schools (TAFE and universities)	✓
Forestry and Plantation	✓

Summary of non compliant applications

- GRO Compost is formulated using EPA approved wastes as feedstocks such as reportable priority waste, priority wastes and industrial wastes.
- Pasteurisation and maturation procedures have been undertaken to ensure compliance and manage risk to human health or the environment for non-sensitive applications.
- Due to current formulation using a variety of commercial/industrial feedstocks, **GRO Compost is not recommended for sensitive land use.**

Non-compliant sensitive use applications

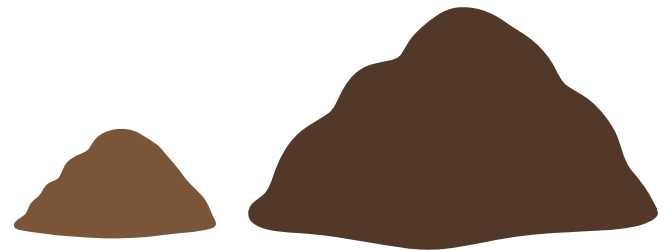
Residential settings (low, medium and high density)	✗
Schools (primary and secondary schools)	✗
Aged Care facilities	✗
Childcare centres	✗

Please speak to a member of Gippsland Regional Organics for more information about compliant and non-compliant uses, or to discuss alternative uses.



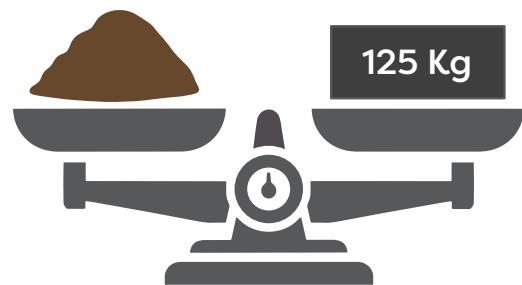
Incorporation and application recommendations

- GRO Compost has been specially formulated for incorporation into our customer blends, to promote nutrient and organic carbon content for general gardening and landscaping uses (i.e. in non-sensitive use settings).
- The recommended incorporation rate is 125 kg compost per cubic metre of soil. This equates to a 1-part compost to 3-part customer blend mix (or 25% compost to 75% blend mix).
- Customer blend mix must be free of contamination and aesthetic impacts (such as inert material), generally in the range of EPA fill material as per EPA Publication 1828.3 (or subsequent revisions).
- GRO Compost is recommended for single use applications.



25% compost

75% blend mix



GRO Compost is NOT recommended for:

- Repeat applications or direct placement at the surface of the site (without prior incorporation).
- Placement within 50 metres of waterways (creeks, rivers and/or stormwater drainage).
- Placement within 250 metres of drinking water supplies.
- Use at sensitive sites (see front page).

Summary of important information about GRO Compost

- GRO Compost has been specially formulated to comply with Australian Standard (AS4454:2012).
- GRO Compost is not intended for all land uses (see first page).
- GRO Compost is made with a number commercial/industrial feedstocks (such as biosolids), that could be negatively perceived by the public, if compost is used in sensitive use settings (such as childcare centres and residential gardens).
- GRO operates under an EPA Operating Licence, with audits conducted at 2-year intervals by an EPA appointed Auditor.
- Gippsland Regional Organics is committed to ensuring quality of our products.
- Gippsland Regional Organics conducts regular testing and assessment of our compost products throughout the maturation process to ensure product consistency and quality.



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Standard**
AS 4454:2012
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