



# JOHNSONS NURSERIES

## **Johnsons Nurseries Ltd statement regarding the use of peat**

Johnsons Nurseries Ltd has been committed to reducing the use of 100% peat substrate mixes in our production for almost 30 years, for most production a substrate containing 40% peat alternatives is currently used. For certain crops such as Lavandula, a peat-free mix is already in use and in early 2021, trials of peat-free growing media were initiated across a broader range of crops, as the next step towards further reducing our reliance on peat-based substrates.

We have continued to develop our understanding of production in peat-free growing media, we are on track to exceed the legislated date to remove peat from professional Horticulture and expect to be growing exclusively in peat-free substrates by the end of 2026.

To show our commitment to the removal of peat from use in Horticulture we have already removed all peat-based bagged products from sale in our Wholesale Plant Centre and are part of the RHS' Peat Free Fellowship <https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/articles/rhs-project-to-accelerate-peat-free> that will help the UK Horticultural industry as a whole move away from its reliance on peat.

Should you have any questions or queries in respect of peat and Johnsons Nurseries Ltd.'s position then please direct those to our Commercial and Business Manager, Jonathan H. T. Whittemore.

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