



OB Tea

Guidelines for making enriched organic humus ("compost") tea using Oregon Bull Organic Aged Humus, the *Bud Kicker!*

- OB Tea is intended for use on plants, and not intended for human consumption. Do not drink OB Tea.
- As a great starting point for your 1st batch of OB Tea, mix one part Oregon Bull to five parts water (1:5 ratio), e.g. place one gallon of Oregon Bull in a 5-gallon bucket and then fill the bucket with room temp water*; leave enough room at the top to stir without spilling.
*distilled water is great; tap water left out for a couple of hours (*to allow chlorine and other volatile chemicals to dissipate*) will work fine.
- Plan on "Brewing" your batch for 18-36 hours.
- Keep the brew oxygenated. Tea aficionados might invest in an aquarium bubbler. In lieu, you can stir your brewing tea vigorously every 4-6 hours, with the intent to aerate as well as mix; Ample dissolved oxygen is important, and encourages good microbial activity, and discourages less desirable anaerobic microbes.
- Keep the tea batch indoors and close to room temp. It may be desirable to cover the bucket with a piece "breathable" fabric to reduce contamination; cheesecloth works great for this and can be used to strain the finished brew (see below).
- A tablespoon or two of some dried molasses is a nice addition to give the aerobes a little extra metabolic boost.
- Strain through cheesecloth when tea is ready (up to 36 hours).
- Use the finished tea, undiluted, on your actively growing plants; Add the leftover strained material to the garden or compost pile.
- *How much should you use when applying to your plants?* We recommend irrigating with an amount of finished tea equivalent to the amount of water you might typically use when watering. Keeping your soil from getting too wet or too dry is always important. An inexpensive moisture meter can be a valuable tool in your gardening tool kit.
- *How often should you apply humus tea to growing plants?* In an early trial, we applied humus tea once every two weeks, with very good results. More frequent, weekly applications should work fine, particularly when budding, flowering and fruiting commence. Be sure to use fresh tea, as tea that has been stored for a while may lose potency or may harbor anaerobic microbes

*We'd love hear how Oregon Bull tea worked for you!
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