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# How Much Potting Soil Do I Need?

The list below includes approximations for how much potting soil you will need to fill your planting containers. These are DRY soil measures.

## **Clay and Plastic Pots**

4 inch = 1 pint

5-6 inch = 1 quart

7-8 inch = 1 gallon = 0.2 cu. ft.

8.5 inch = 2 gallon = 0.3 cu. ft.

10 inch = 3 gallon = 0.5 cu. ft.

12 inch = 5 gallon = 0.8 cu. ft.

14 inch = 7 gallon = 1.0 cu. ft.

16 inch = 10 gallon = 1.5 cu. ft.

18 inch = 15 gallon = 2.5 cu. ft.

24 inch = 25 gallon = 3.8 cu. ft.

30 inch = 30 gallon = 4.6 cu. ft.

## **Hanging Baskets**

10 inch = 1.5 gallon = 0.23 cu. ft.

12 inch = 2 gallon = 0.3 cu. ft.

14 inch = 3 gallon = 0.5 cu. ft.

## **Bowls**

8 inch = 1.9 dry quarts = 0.07 cu. ft.

10 inch = 3.7 dry quarts = 0.14 cu. ft.

12 inch = 5.5 dry quarts = 0.21 cu. ft.

14 inch = 8.4 dry quarts = 0.29 cu. ft.

16 inch = 12.0 dry quarts = 0.46 cu. ft.

18 inch = 18.8 dry quarts = 0.73 cu. ft.

## **Strawberry Pot**

5 gallon = 0.54 cu. ft.

# How Much Will A Truck Carry?

Heavy Duty Truck: Ford 250, 350  
Chevy 2000 Series  
Dodge Ram  
Toyota Tundra

A standard fleet side (5 x 8 foot bed) pickup can carry a **full sod pallet** which is 40 x 48 inches. Depending on the size of the truck it will accommodate 1000 to 1500 pounds. This would also apply to other bulk materials.

An F250/2000 standard pickup can carry **2 yards of lightweight** material such as bark, compost, or mulch or **1 yard of heavyweight** material such as soil, rock, or  $\frac{1}{2}$  &  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Compact Truck: Ford 150  
Chevy 1000 Series  
Toyota  
Honda  
Dodge Dakota

A compact pickup (4 x 6 foot bed) can carry a  $\frac{1}{2}$  **sod pallet**. Depending on the size of the truck it will accommodate 1000 pounds. This would also apply to other bulk materials.

A compact pickup truck can carry **1 to 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  yards of lightweight** material such as bark, compost, or mulch or  **$\frac{1}{2}$  yard of heavyweight** material such as soil, rock, or  $\frac{1}{2}$  &  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

**These types of loads can be safely handled driving uphill without strain on the shocks, brakes, or steering.**

For delivery, the following loads count as **one (1) delivery fee**:

White Dump Truck:

Light Load (Bark, Compost, Mulch)	4 yards
Heavy Load (Soil, Rock, $\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{1}{2}$ )	3 yards

Pinky:

Light Load (Bark, Compost, Mulch)	8 yards
Heavy Load (Soil, Rock, $\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{1}{2}$ )	5 yards to Tahoe 6 yards in town