

FERTI-BARK

**Advanced Natural Mulches for Southern
Highbush and Rabbiteye**

Ferti-Bark is a unique product developed specifically for blueberry production and is a blend of pine bark and Ferti-Comp®, our high-quality compost. Ferti-Comp® is derived from a proprietary composting process developed by our partners at Harvest Quest. Mature, stabilized compost is produced using a bacterial catalyst which enhances the natural biological process of composting. The end result is a product that has been shown to have vastly increased numbers of beneficial bacteria when compared to those produced using traditional composting methods. The addition of Ferti-Comp® provides advantages over regular pine bark.

Ferti-Bark adds high quality organic matter, favored for blueberry production, to pine bark and its use can result in reductions in the use of fertilizer, irrigation water, pesticides and fumigants. The lower carbon to nitrogen ratio (C:N) of Fert-Bark reduces the amount of nitrogen tie up to microbes, leaving more nitrogen available to plants.

Ferti-Bark is not a pesticide. However, it contains naturally- occurring micro-organisms which may help to suppress soil-borne populations of some plant diseases. These beneficial microorganisms do not typically eliminate the disease organism, but reduce their population, thereby minimizing or eliminating their negative impact.

Ferti-Bark is a cost-effective, superior choice for blueberry media/mulch and is readily available for fast shipment no matter the size of farm.

Ferti-Bark with its stabilized organic matter content and unusually high and diverse populations of beneficial micro-organisms will greatly improve the properties of bark- physically (structurally), chemically (nutritionally), and biologically.

With its beneficial microbes, Southeast Soils Ferti-Bark has been shown to suppress phytophthora, improve root density and overall plant health. Its use reduces soil compaction, promotes rapid feeder-root establishment, provides a vast array of macro and micronutrients, reduces nutrient losses through improved cation exchange capacity, supplies populations of beneficial soil microbes, greatly improves the soils ability to absorb and store water, and improves overall plant health.

Quick Look → **FERTI-BARK**
Unique Premium Quality Bark Blend

- Superior rabbiteye and southern highbush performance
- Improved aeration, porosity, and root development
- Slow release macro and essential micronutrients
- Improves cation-exchange capacity enhancing nutrient buffering and reduces leaching
- Diverse beneficial microorganism populations
- Reduces inputs of synthetic fertilizer
- Weed free and certified nematode free
- Lab tested, consistent, pathogen free
- Provides more efficient water utilization