

The Morel Mushroom Patch

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Upon receiving your kit you will notice one bag of pure culture spawn of the Black Morel. All that needs to be done is to follow a few simple directions, be a little patient, and make sure plenty of water is added to your patch in the months of April and May.

The Morel Mushroom Patch can be established between the months of May through January. The very latest, due to the cold weather and freezing of the soil, would be the last of December... or the first of January. Your Morel's should appear during the regular Morel season, which tends to be the beginning of May and through middle of June.

Upon arrival of your Morel Mushroom Patch allow it to sit out of direct sunlight, preferably a dark location between 50 to 80° F, for one week in order for the mycelium to recover fully from its long travel. After one week the spawn will be ready for its new home that you have prepared beforehand.

What you are looking for...

Upon examining the spawn you'll begin to notice a golden to inch color that has formed underneath the plastic. Sometimes it will appear to be soft cotton like substance and other times flat and flaky. But nevertheless, it should be there. If you notice any contamination, green mold, larger than a 2 inch circle, then you should be concerned. A small amount of green will not hinder your new Morel spawn from growing in the least. If you find a larger amount of contamination within your new kit, it should be replaced.

Preparation of your secret Morel Mushroom Patch.

If you live out in the country where you are capable of placing a few logs in the area you wish to grow and create a small fire until the wood has successfully burn down to ashes and allowing cooling for at least 24 hours...this would be ideal. Also if you happen to have a place where you can burn several logs and then gather the ashes and chips 24 hours later, this would also be to your benefit.

If possible locate a partially shaded area that is out of direct sunlight. If not, you may want to consider using a shade cloth to limit exposure to direct sunlight. In a roughly 4' x 4' area dig out the soil to approx. 4" deep and place the soil on the rim of the garden (easier to keep track of your location in the future when it begins to grow with grasses, small plants...etc). The following mixture is one of the most popular.

With equal proportions you'll be mixing the following:

- Wood ashes from a wood stove, fire pit or a fireplace.
- Peat moss or clean sand.
- Hard wood sawdust - anything but Pine, Redwood or Cedar.
- Gypsum - calcium sulfate (locate this from your local nursery or country hardware store... you are also able to use Sheetrock or Wall Board)
- Burnt wood chips a few inches in length (charcoal coated).

You can mix the ingredients in a large container or mix it in its new Morel pit directly. Moisten this mixture with water until damp and then begin mixing your Morel spawn until moisture is even throughout.

Your new garden should be in the area that's mostly shaded and hopefully within eye view of your living area. Because you will have to watch over this area several times it would be nice to have a water source close at hand.

As the years go by you will be able to keep your Morel patch going by adding ashes and burnt charcoal chips after the month of July.

It is extremely important to keep the ground thoroughly moist during the month of April. If you do not have any rain for a any three consecutive days you should water your garden for approximately 10 to 15 minutes in the morning and evening, you're to do it with a spray/mister so the water will be added evenly and slowly. Another words, don't blast your area with water.

My suggestion would be to create several patches in which one patch can be renewed with the process beginning over again while the other two are left alone to flourish. This way you will be on a three-year rotation, which will ensure plentiful Morels for many years to come.

Your new area will begin flushing with Morel's anywhere from that coming spring to approximately the next following spring. Each Morel patch has a lifespan of approximately 2 years. Creating a three-year/3 Morel Garden rotation is suggested.

Good luck and enjoy your new Morel Patch Gardens!

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Sit all kits upright upon their arrival.
Make sure the bag inflates with air as soon as possible by holding the top corners of the bag in midair...allowing the weight of the bag to PULL downward as air is forced through the small white filter patch.