Royal Horticultural Society of Ireland

Policy on the Use of Peat in Horticulture

The RHSI is very conscious of how our precious peat bogs are, and how vital it is to change gardening behaviours so that our bogs are conserved.

The Society is committed to reducing the use of peat, and peat based products, especially when there are reliable alternatives for use in gardening activities.

We believe that using peat for soil incorporation, and ground mulching, is unnecessary and unacceptable.

The Society will not use peat in this manner at RHSI Garden Russborough or at the RHSI Laurelmere Cottage, Marlay Park.

The Society through its activities, events, and outreach work will seek to promote this policy, and encourage the development and use of environmentally sustainable alternative materials and practices.

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