



comfrey - the wonder plant and other fertilizer ideas.

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Only the comfrey in the pot survived this very wet season that we are just coming out of! This weekend I will be propagating some more plants from root division. I hope they will be soon be flourishing and providing me with free fertilizer. I had propagated these plants and they were growing quite happily against the fence. I am not sure why they didnt survive and dont even seem to be re-shooting - they were quite shaded and also very wet - two things they seem not to like. I do want to grow them in this area though.... I might cut back the vines growing over the arch above and give them another go in this area. I might also re-think the front of the vegetable garden and remove a row of grass and grow a row of comfrey there - full sun - it might be the perfect spot.....

Can one have too much comfrey?

Here is the lone pot, tucked under the pawpaw tree.

I was in my mind thinking that seaweed tea and comfrey juice were pretty much the same. No so, seaweed tea is more of a hormonal tonic, but comfrey is the real thing;

I dont really know who to give credit for this information. I first saw it when Glen from KGI published it. You can find the link to KGI in my side bar. In fact it was through his posts that I first became interested in comfrey.

Comparative Nutritional Analysis of comfrey, compost and manure

Material 1. Water% 2. Nitrogen (N) % 3. Phosphorus (P) % 4. Potash (K) % 5. Carbon-Nitrogen Ratio

Manure 76.0 0.64 0.23 0.32 14 - 1

Comfrey 75.0 0.74 0.24 1.19 9.8 - 1

Compost 76.0 0.50 0.27 0.81 10 - 1

It seems that completes the circle - seaweed tea for the tonic, comfrey for an instant hit and compost for the body of the nutrition. I am continually adding compost as soon as it is "done".

I also normally at this time of the year get a product called 5 in one. these are the details form their website about this product

" Searles 5 in 1® Plus is a brilliant organic plant food containing Cow, Fowl and Sheep Manures, Mushroom Compost, Zeolite, Blood & Bone, hoof and horn plus added Trace Elements and Minerals. Mix one part Searles 5 in 1® Plus to three parts existing soil to enrich the soil and provide long term organic nutrients to plants. Flowers and vegetables respond extremely well to this product.

Because Searles 5 in 1® Plus is in an organic form, when organic fertilisers are subsequently applied, the existing humus and organic material store the new nutrients resulting in a 'slow release' effect. Chemical fertilisers have a tendency to leach away very quickly."

Hopefully this will cover all bases.

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