

OUR PACKAGING:

- Each Preparation is in a clear bag. The bag and label are COMPOSTABLE. To open, cut across top.
- •The "pillow" boxes contain Preparations surrounded by peat.
- All cardboard boxes and labels are recyclable.
- And of course, the peat packing goes into your garden or compost pile.

STORING YOUR BIODYNAMIC PREPARATIONS:

- It is best to use the Preparations upon receiving them.
- If you need to wait, store them in the original packaging in a cool, dark place, <u>EXCEPT for</u> <u>BD 501 (Silica)</u> which should be removed from the brown pouch and stored in a dry, sunny place.
- There is always a bit of natural moisture in the preparations so a small amount of mold could develop. This is not a problem.

USING YOUR BIODYNAMIC PREPARATIONS:

- See instructions below for each preparation.
- For more detailed information and instructions for using the Preparations see our website: biodynamicsolutions.org, including instructional videos on the Using & Storing page.
- Also visit our website's FAQs page for lots of helpful information.

COMPOST PREPARATIONS - BD 502 - 507

One compost preparation set includes one unit of each of the six Compost Preparations. Use one unit for a compost pile 20 feet by 6 feet by 4 feet or smaller.

WHY: The compost preparations collectively work to enliven your compost by creating relationships between earthly elements (sulfur, calcium, potassium, nitrogen, phosphorus) and cosmic energies that your plants need for optimal health.

WHEN: When you are ready to put your compost pile "to bed". You may also insert the Compost Preparations into compost that you are ready to use that has not yet received the biodynamic compost preparations. Ideally do this at least two weeks before use.

HOW: View the compost pile as a rectangle. Moving clockwise make six holes (with the handle of a rake or hoe) equidistant into the top edge of them pile angling down and inward about 1/3 to 1/2 the depth of the pile.

Pour one unit of preparation, BD 502 - 506 respectively, into each hole. The last hole is for BD 507. Mix the Valerian Preparation (BD 507) into a gallon of water and stir making a vortex and reversing that vortex for 10 minutes. (See our stirring videos on our website.) Pour half of this mixture into the last whole. Then using a brush or evergreen bough sprinkle the entire compost pile with the remaining Valerian mixture.

Cover each hole with compost. The pile is now complete and no turning is necessary during decomposing.



How To Use Each Biodynamic Preparation

BD 500 - HORN MANURE One unit covers up to one acre.

WHY: Promotes root and soil health.

WHEN: Apply in Spring and Fall when the ground is thawed and bare or with low vegetation; in the late afternoon or early evening.

HOW: Mix 1 unit (1/4 cup) in 3 gallons of water, stir into a vortex (alternating stirring directions) for 60 minutes. Broadcast in droplets over you gardens, lawn, fields, even woodlands immediately after stirring is finished; ideally on a wind-less day. Spread with a masonry brush or evergreen bough. See stirring video at biodynamicsolutions.org.

BD 501 - HORN SILICA One unit covers up to one acre.

WHY: It enhances photosynthesis and if sprayed before harvesting will enhance flavor and keeping capacity of vegetables.

WHEN: Apply in the summer, in the early morning, when your plants are well established.

HOW: Mix 1 unit (approximately 1/8 teaspoon) in 3 gallons of water. Stir into a vortex (alternating stirring directions) for 60 minutes. Apply with a fine mist sprayer. **CAUTION:** We recommend using a mask and gloves when handling it as ingesting it or breathing it into your lungs is unhealthy.

BIODYNAMIC COMPOUND PREP (BARREL COMPOST or BC) One unit covers up to one acre.

WHY: Brings the enlivening qualities of the Compost Preparations to your land. Use when you do not have enough biodynamically prepared compost for your entire garden/field. NOTE: BC enhances rather than replaces your fertility program (compost and amendments).

WHEN: Same as for BD 500 - Horn Manure.

HOW: Same as for BD 500 EXCEPT you only stir BC for 20 minutes. You can stir and spread with BD 500 by adding the BC to the BD 500 for the final 20 minutes of the BD 500 60-minute stir. See stirring video on website.

EQUISETUM One unit covers up to one acre.

WHY: Equisetum is used to mitigate conditions that stimulate fungus, mold and mildew.

WHEN: Use during times of excessive rain or two to three days before the full moon when watery forces are present. Spay from sunrise to mid-morning.

HOW: Boil 1 quart of water. Pour in one unit of Equisetum and let it steep for 20 minutes. Add this tea to two gallons of water and stir into a vortex (alternating directions) for 20 minutes. Spray on the desired plants/crops/fields with a fine mist sprayer.

Thank you for purchasing our Biodynamic Preparations. Please contact us if you have questions: info@biodynamicsolutions.org or 603-567-7937

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