

Coconut Husk Chips

These coconut husk chips are harvested near salt water. Place the contents of one packet into a bucket with about 3 to 4 litres (3 to 4 U.S. quarts) of fresh water, and let soak overnight, to flush out salt. Rinse and strain in a sieve before using. If using for orchids, repeat the soak/strain steps two to three more times to adequately flush out salt, as high salt levels can damage orchids. One brick will yield approximately 4 litres (3.6 U.S. quarts) of chips once wetted.

The chips have high water-holding capacity and release water slowly. They can be used alone as potting medium for orchids (including *Dendrobium* and *Oncidium*), as mulch, or mixed with other media such as sphagnum moss and perlite. They create pockets within the potting mix, promoting drainage and aeration vital to the health of orchids and tropical plants. However they are used, it will be easier to rehydrate the chips if they are not allowed to dry out completely.