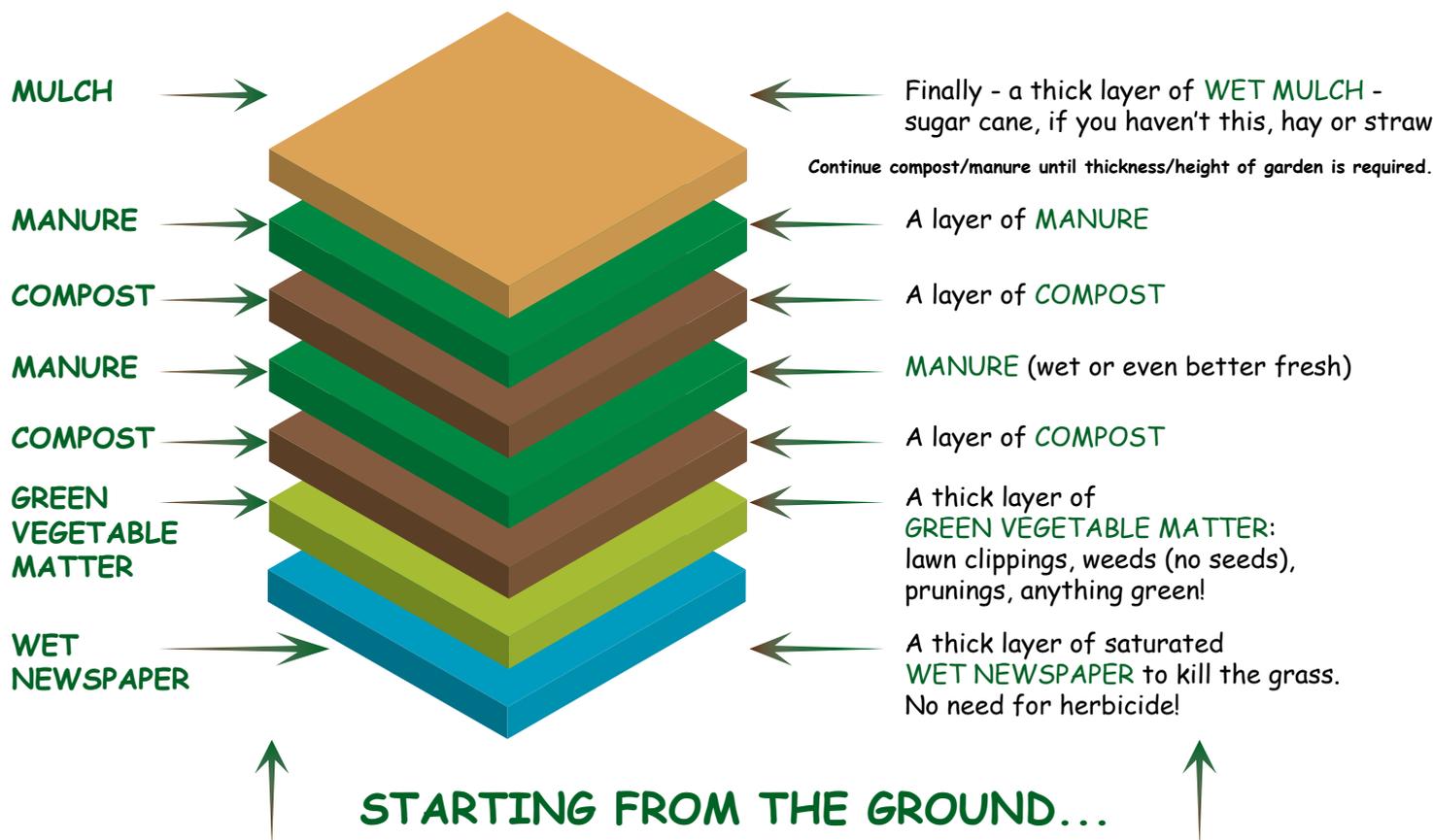


The 'NO DIG' Garden

The no dig garden follows simple natural processors of soil building, called deposition and decomposition. A variety of organic materials are laid down by the gardener in fine layers. These layers vary according to individual recipe but basically consist of successive and alternating layers of mulch and manure, compost, vermicast and soil. This material breaks down to form organic humus and over time improves the quality of our garden soil.

The system illustrated is just one of many recipes that have been developed by experienced organic gardeners.



Water all this in well and leave for approx. 6 weeks. Then plant!

If you plant too soon into a "hot mix" that is actively composting, your new seedlings will die.

If this mix doesn't get really hot in a few days, it means that it is not wet enough. so you need to add more water. The mix will settle down in only a matter of weeks as all material start to decompose and rot down into what gardeners call humus. Over time you should end up with rich well composted humus material beneath the sugar cane mulch. This material will be dark and earthy having broken down into a quality organic soil that is ready to plant out. Plant through the mulch layer by placing your seedlings into the soil. This method allows you to 'create' good soil over bad and becomes the basis of your organic garden!

A 'No Dig' garden is:

- A soil building exercise that creates rich deep fertile soil
- Easy to set up and requires very low on-going maintenance
- A way to recycle kitchen scraps and garden waste
- Able to be built as a garden bed or in a container
- Water efficient

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