



# LOCAL, NITROGEN-RICH FLEECE – GREAT FOR YOUR GARDEN!

## ✓ **A natural fertilizer**

Raw sheep wool is rich in nitrogen, which is released slowly into the soil.

## ✓ **Aerates your soil**

Fleece expands when it comes into contact with water, which naturally aerates your soil. If you mix small amounts of wool in your soil for bedding, it helps the roots grow stronger and deeper.

## ✓ **Repels slugs**

Wool - and particularly the lanolin in it - contains salt from the sheep's sweat glands, which is a natural barrier to slugs. The wool fibres also have tiny barbs, and the abrasive texture is an irritant to slugs if they try to move across it.

## ✓ **Retains moisture**

Fleece can store up to 20 times its own weight in water, which then releases slowly into the soil. It's particularly good mixed with the soil in hanging baskets and pot plants, as they won't need watering so often.

## ✓ **Provides insulation**

Wool is a natural insulator, so will protect plant roots against frost if it's laid on the soil or wrapped around pots.

**...and it's good for your skin!** Raw fleece is rich in lanolin, which is great for your hands – so ditch the gardening gloves while you're handling it!