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Seasonal Tips for Cymbidiums

Potting Mix – Getting Ready for Spring

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My potting mix for Cymbidiums consists of Stalite Gravel, Diatomite with a cup of seashell and lime mix. The proportional mix is as follows:

- ★ 3 gal Stalite (3/8 inch size for cymbidiums)
- ★ 3 cups of diatomite (You can buy diatomite at an auto parts store like Napa where it is sold as a product to pick up spilled oil - make sure it is diatomite.)
- ★ 1 cup of granular lime
- ★ 1 cup of crushed shell

Note: Diatomite is a silica compound. This technical [article](#) explains some of its potential benefits

(https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=explorer&chrome=true&srcid=0B6ucZvDMCcGFZmQ4MjgxMjctOWE1NS00NWYzLWEwYjctZjYxNWQyOGRkN2E2&hl=en_US)