

Some possible seed starting mixes that do not contain peat moss:

As many of you already know, peat moss is ancient plant material that is dug up from below ground. In the process of digging and using peat moss, a great deal of ancient carbon is released into the atmosphere as greenhouse gases.

Some possible seed starting mixes that do not contain peat moss are listed below. As I explained in my demonstration on January 11, I do not use seed starting mix straight. I mix it 50/50 with bagged/sterile topsoil. Mixing with topsoil improves the texture of the soil for transplanting. And, for native plant seeds, it reduces the amount of fertilizer in the mix. A mix that is too rich in fertilizer can sometimes cause the seedlings to burn out before they can be transplanted to the garden. Remember, in the wild these seeds would fall on very lean natural soils. The seeds are not adapted to rich soils.

<https://www.johnnyseeds.com/tools-supplies/seed-starting-supplies/growing-media/fort-vee-all-purpose-potting-mix-20-qt-9879.html>

Uses sphagnum, not peat.

<https://www.johnnyseeds.com/tools-supplies/seed-starting-supplies/growing-media/johnnys-germination-mix-20-qt.-9395.html>

MOFGA certified-organic farms.

https://pittmoss.com/product/plentiful/?attribute_pa_size=4-cubic-feet

OMRI listed - contains no peat moss - uses recycled paper products

I have not used any of these products, so I cannot vouch for any of them. I do intend to try one or two of them this winter to start my own seeds, so I will have something to say about them next year.