

# INFIELD CONDITIONER FOR FIELDS THAT ARE TOO HARD OR DRAIN POORLY!



## Reduce Rain Delays

with

The Redder, Less Dusty, More Uniform Baseball Diamond Infield Conditioner & Drying Agent That Retains Moisture in Hot Weather!



Now Available in "Red or **DARK RED**" for Infields & "**GREEN** or Grey/Beige" for Turf!

**PRO'S CHOICE**<sup>®</sup> calcined (super-heat treated) montmorillonite clay soaks up water and, when mixed into your infield, improves drainage and aeration (to firm wet infields), while retaining moisture in hot, dry weather (to prevent hard-baked infields and dry-out during games)! Don't confuse **PRO'S CHOICE**<sup>®</sup> with shop compounds, kitty litter, or clay "dust" products, which break down and worsen infield drainage. **PRO'S CHOICE**<sup>®</sup> keeps its porous shape, improves drainage, and restores resilience to hard infields, making it easier to maintain consistent, professional quality playing surfaces.

More pro-teams are using **PRO'S CHOICE**<sup>®</sup> because uniformity of particle size is the key to good drainage and **PRO'S CHOICE**<sup>®</sup> is consistently made to the most uniform specifications (without extra large or extra small particles) with the highest quality control in the industry to be the most effective infield conditioner.

**PRO'S CHOICE**<sup>®</sup> comes in five sizes: **Select Red** (very uniform, coarse pro grade), **Ceramic Plus Red** (very uniform, non-abrasive, sand-sized pro grade), **Pro Blend Red** (very uniform coarser pro grade), **Red** (regular coarse grade), or **Rapid Dry** (non-dusty drying agent) -- and 4 colors: **Red** (consistent color that enhances baseball infields), **Select Pro Red** (manufactured permanently **DARK RED** not temporarily dyed red), **Grey/Beige Blend**, and "**GREEN**" to stabilize and cosmetically repair wet damaged turf areas.

	Recommended Quantities for Skinned Areas		For Beam Clay <sup>®</sup> Infields
	To dry surface, use as needed, raking in afterwards. To condition hard infields incorporate 20% or more <b>PRO'S CHOICE</b> <sup>®</sup> by volume:		10% by volume to soften and made top cushion easier to maintain:
	20% of Top 3"	20% of Top 1"	10% of Top 1"
Regulation Field, Grass Infield	9 Tons / 360 Bags	3 Tons / 120 Bags	1-½ Tons / 60 Bags
Regulation Field, Skinned Infield	15 Tons / 600 Bags	5 Tons / 200 Bags	2-½ Tons / 100 Bags
Little League, Grass Infield	90 Bags	30 Bags	15 Bags
Little League, Skinned Infield	204 Bags	68 Bags	34 Bags
Softball, 60' Radius Infield	252 Bags	84 Bags	42 Bags
Softball, to Backstop & Sidelines add	132 Bags	44 Bags	22 Bags

**PRO'S CHOICE**<sup>®</sup> can also be used to dry grass areas of baseball, football and soccer fields, as well as improve drainage and growth through top-dressing, in construction, or in slit drains.

**PRO'S CHOICE**<sup>®</sup> weighs 33 lbs. per cubic foot (one 50 lb. bag equals 1.5 cubic feet). Available in bulk or 50 lb. bags! **PRO'S CHOICE**<sup>®</sup> **PRO MOUND** and **PRO MOUND BRICKS** also available.

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General Information  
on **PRO'S CHOICE®**  
the Infield Conditioner, Top-Dressing & Drying Agent

**PRO'S CHOICE®** is produced from virgin montmorillonite in northeastern Mississippi. The raw clay is crushed, dried, screened, and baked at a temperature up to 1800°F to form permanently porous particles. The finished product consists of red, **dark red**, grey/beige, or **green** granules ranging in size: **Select** the very uniform coarse pro grade 1mm to 2.5mm (8/16 mesh), **Ceramic Plus** our very uniform, non-abrasive, sand-sized pro grade .25mm to .75mm (24/48 mesh), **Pro Blend** very uniform coarser pro grade 1.5 to 3.5mm (6/10mesh), regular **Red** grade .5 to 4mm (5/20 mesh) with an emphasis on coarser sizes, and **Rapid Dry™** our fine (without dust) uniform drying agent .1mm to 1mm (16/80 mesh).

**Some specific characteristics of PRO'S CHOICE® are:**

**Uniformity** – Both chemically and physically **PRO'S CHOICE®** is very consistent. Chemical indices, density, hardness, absorption rate and granular sizes do not vary by more than 2% from shipment to shipment.

The key to effective drainage and aeration is uniformity of particle size. 5/20 mesh means 5 particles per inch for the largest size and 20 particles per inch for the smallest. Because **PRO'S CHOICE®** is more uniform, it is a more effective infield and soil conditioner.

**Absorbent** – The granular pieces wet rapidly and will absorb their own weight in water, which they then release to the surrounding soil and plant roots. The cycle of absorption and release is repeated indefinitely. **PRO'S CHOICE®** thus provides a water reservoir in dry, hot periods.

**Stable** – The highly baked granules are indefinitely stable in the soil. They do not tend to break down nor to decompose. They remain stable in the presence of water, fertilizers, temperature changes, and working of the soil. The stable granules insure better drainage and water retention over longer periods.

**Ease of Handling** – the hard, loose granules present an easy flowing, easy to spread product. **PRO'S CHOICE®** is non-toxic, non-caustic and safe to handle.

**Non-Compactability** – The highly baked granules are extremely hard and practically non-compactible. In turn, they impart this characteristic to soils into which they are mixed. Non-compacted infields play better and maintain easier. Non-compacting soil mixes take water and oxygen more rapidly, give off plant gases more normally, and present a porous medium through which roots can spread and develop.

**Inertness** - **PRO'S CHOICE®** is chemically inert and does not tend to react with other materials, in addition, the product has a pH of 6.25 which is excellent for most turf and horticultural applications. **PRO'S CHOICE®** will not burn plants or plant roots. There is no caustic action.

**Favorable Base Exchange Capacity** – The unique molecular structure of the pyrophyllite clay has a base exchange capacity which is only exceeded by materials such as humus. High base exchange capacity implies a high degree of efficiency in the transfer of nutrients in the soil to the plant roots and is especially important in today's high-sand growing mixes for sports turf.

**Low density** - **PRO'S CHOICE®** has a favorable density of 33 lbs. per cubic foot or 1.5 cubic feet per 50 lb. bag. For a given volume of soil mix fewer pounds of **PRO'S CHOICE®** are therefore required.

**Baseball Diamond Infields**

**PRO'S CHOICE®** is widely used on the skinned areas of baseball diamond infields to improve drainage and aeration, while retaining moisture in hot weather, and as a drying agent to reduce rain delays. **PRO'S CHOICE®** actually firms wet soft areas yet keeps fields from "baking in" during hot dry weather. Because **PRO'S CHOICE®** retains moisture, it keeps a consistent amount of moisture in fields during games and provides a consistent, more easily maintained, playing surface. When used as a drying agent, **PRO'S CHOICE®** continues working for you – as it can be worked into the field afterwards to condition the playing surface and improve drainage.

**Golf & Sports Turf**

To relieve or avoid compaction and maintain good drainage, **PRO'S CHOICE®** is normally applied to turf in two ways:

- a) As a top-dressing **PRO'S CHOICE®** is generally applied at the rate of one 50 lb. bag per 200 square feet after aerifying, or one 50 lb. bag per 500 square feet without aerifying.
- b) As a component in the growing mix when constructing new greens or athletic fields or when renovating old ones, incorporate 15% to 35% **PRO'S CHOICE®** depending upon whether the soil is sandy or heavy in clay content.

**Call for a Free Sample & Demonstrate for Yourself**

Fill an ashtray or saucer to a depth of 3/16" with water. Slowly pour a conical pile of **PRO'S CHOICE®** into the water. See how rapidly the **PRO'S CHOICE®** absorbs the water and lifts the water by capillary action to the top of the conical pile. Rub the wetted granules between your fingers and note how firm they remain. This will also show you the color when moist on a baseball diamond infield.

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