

MULCH



Why should I mulch?

WEED CONTROL: When mulch is spread over your beds, it reduces the amount of light reaching weed seedlings and prevents their growth.

MOISTURE RETENTION: Mulch helps reduce the speed of water evaporation, thus reducing the frequency of watering. **ATTRACTIVE APPEARANCE:** Whether you choose one of our traditional root and bark mulches, or our colored "Black Night" mulch, each will provide a neat, uniform look to your landscape.

TEMPERATURE CONTROL: Mulch acts as insulation for your plants. It will keep your plants warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.

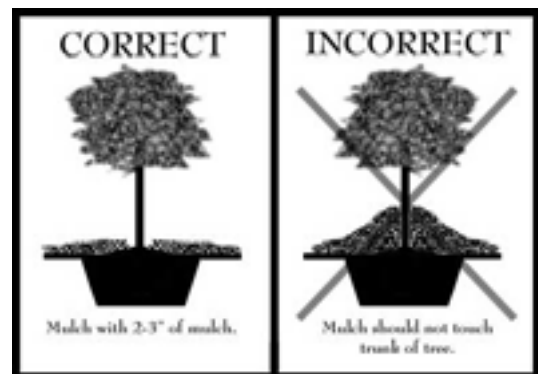
DECOMPOSITION: As mulch decomposes over time, it will help supply nutrients to your soil and plants.

How much mulch do I need?

Normally, a 2-3" layer of mulch is recommended. One cubic yard (27 cubic feet) will cover roughly 162 square feet if spread 2" thick. Be sure to smooth the mulch evenly by using a rake, or your hands. Mulch that is lightly patted into place will last longer and prevent soil erosion. When you are finished, a light watering on your mulch will ensure a smooth and finished look.

How much mulch is too much mulch?

As beneficial as mulch is, too much can be harmful. The generally recommended mulching depth is 2 to 4 inches. Unfortunately, North American landscapes are falling victim to a plague of over-mulching. A new term, "mulch volcanoes," has emerged to describe mulch that has been piled up around the base of trees. Most organic mulches must be replenished, but the rate of decomposition varies. Some mulch, such as cypress mulch, can remain intact for many years. Top dressing with new mulch annually (often for the sake of refreshing the color) creates a build-up to depths that can be unhealthy. Deep mulch can be effective in suppressing weeds and reducing maintenance, but it often causes additional problems.



When should I mulch?

Spring and fall are the best times, but mulch can be spread any time of the year, including winter.

Which mulch is right for me?

We offer the following mulches:

COLORED MULCHES: Black Night, Beautiful Brown, and Red Rose are colored hardwood mulch. The ability to hold their color throughout the year has made these our most popular mulches. The colored mulches have good stability qualities that make them ideal for steep hills and berms. They are made from hardwoods.

TRIPLE GROUND ROOT MULCH: All-organic, aged root mulch is an excellent complement to any landscape bed. It is comprised of aged wood chips and ground roots. It is brown in color.

PREMIUM HEMLOCK MULCH: All-organic bark mulch has rich color and fibrous texture which holds well on slopes. Distinctive fragrance deters some insects.



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