

Proper Mulching of Plant Material

WHY MULCH?

Applying mulch around trees, shrubs, perennials and other areas in your yard or garden is important for a number of reasons. Mulching your beds will drastically reduce the amount of time spent weeding, watering and fighting pests. Retaining moisture is very important for plant health and will cut down on time and money spent on watering. Mulch also improves the appearance of your garden, and keeps dirt from splashing up on your flowers and vegetables when it rains.

- Hardwood bark chip mulches are preferred. Cedar mulch is also fine. Keep in mind that the dyed mulches may stain concrete and other hardscape materials. Bagged and bulk hardwood mulches are available for pick-up or delivery at Superior Garden Center.
- 3-4 inches of mulch is recommended around most trees, shrubs and perennial beds. Slightly less may be used in and around annuals.
- We recommend refreshing your mulch once a year; either in late fall or early spring when you are doing your bed clean-up is the perfect time to re-mulch. Remember to keep your mulch 3-4 inches deep.
- Every 3rd or 4th year if your existing mulch does not seem to be breaking down, it is good to rake out all of the old mulch and start with a new 3-4 inch layer of fresh mulch.
- Mulching around trees and shrubs requires care to prevent the mulch from coming into contact with the trunks. Once you have applied the mulch to the ground, pull the mulch away approximately 2 inches, creating a well around the base of the trunk. This will allow for airflow and prevent possible fungus and pest infestations around the base of your tree or shrub.
- Cotton Burr Compost makes excellent mulch as well, and provides nutrients to your plant material. We particularly recommend it around roses and in perennial beds.

WHY OUR MULCH?

Our mulch is made of 100% white oak which ensures that it is contaminant-free, non-toxic and biodegradable. Our vendors make sure that the mulch is free of metals, pallets, contaminants and pesticides. It is environmentally friendly as well, as it is a by-product of barrel making. Our dyed mulch is fade resistant as well due to the quality of their color enhancers.



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