



Mulching Guide

An application of shredded mulch is beneficial for your landscape. Mulch conserves moisture in the soil and helps to lessen soil temperature fluctuations which can damage root development. An adequate layer of mulch will also help prevent weed seeds from germinating and enhance the natural beauty of garden beds.

We recommend shredded hardwood bark as mulch for the following reasons:

- Erosion control: The shredded material knits together to form a single layer.
- Organic: It is non-toxic and adds nutrients to the soil during composition.
- Long lasting: It is a combination of red and white oak which decomposes slowly.
- Color: The dark brown color compliments most landscapes.

TREES AND SHRUBS

Mulch should be applied to a 2" – 4" depth around trees and evergreens. Avoid piling any mulch directly up against the trunk of a tree or shrub to prevent insect and disease problems. Ideally the mulched area should extend past the canopy of your tree or to the maximum diameter of a shrub. This is not always possible in a home landscape, so tree rings are commonly 4' – 8' in diameter.

PERENNIALS

Mulching is recommended to a depth of 2" to help keep weeds down and conserve moisture during summer.

SHRUB ROSES

Apply a 2" layer of mulch around the root zone leaving at least a 1" gap around the trunk of the plant to prevent any disease problems.