

What are the Benefits of Mulching?

- **Suppresses weed growth**, providing a better growing environment.
- **Controls Erosion.** Mulch helps to hold valuable topsoil in place during heavy rains thus avoiding root damage.
- **Adds nutrients to the soil** as it decomposes. Add beneficial humus to your soil as each season passes, the bottom layer of bark decays and adds nutrients to your soil.
- **Conserves water by reducing evaporation.** In a depth of 2-4 inches our mulch greatly reduces evaporation from the soil, keeping the moisture available in your plants root zone.
- **Keeps root zones cool in hot, dry weather.** A 2-4 inch layer also acts as a winter insulator, protecting your plants roots from freezing and thawing.
- **Aesthetically pleasing.** Makes your plants stand out.
- **Reduces mechanical damage** to plants by keeping mowers and trimmers away from plants - a circle of mulch around the base of trees and shrubs protects the plants from weed whacker and lawn mower damage, while adding beauty to your landscape.

The charts below are a handy tool for planning the amount of mulch you will need.

BAGGED MULCH.

Approximate recommended coverage for 3 cubic foot bags of mulch.

# of Bags	Depth 2"	3"	4"
1	18 sq.ft.	13 sq.ft.	9 sq.ft.
2	36 sq.ft.	26 sq.ft.	18 sq.ft.
3	54 sq.ft.	39 sq.ft.	27 sq.ft.
4	72 sq.ft.	52 sq.ft.	36 sq.ft.
5	96 sq.ft.	65 sq.ft.	45 sq.ft.
6	108 sq.ft.	78 sq.ft.	54 sq.ft.

BULK MULCH.

1 Cubic yard bulk mulch, (27 cubic feet) covers:

Depth	1"	2"	3"	4"	5"	6"
Square Feet Covered	324	162	108	81	65	54



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