

Taking the mystery out of

MULCH

[for landscapes & gardens]

Not all mulches are created equal!

Choose the quality mulch that best suits your needs & achieves the look you desire.

Did you know?

- Mulches retain moisture & reduce weeds. Though many types are available, each has its own qualities and advantages including aesthetic appeal, longevity, color retention, value to soil quality, & area coverage.
- Mulches *do not* draw termites. If termites are already present, however, they will get into mulch but termites prefer to dwell in solid wood, not in bark. *Good to know:* cypress bark mulch contains a natural insect repellent.

Cypress Grade 'A' Bark Mulch

Although more expensive by the bag, cypress is still probably the most economical mulch and is by far the lowest-maintenance since it lasts three times longer than any other.

- Cypress can be "fluffed" by hand or with a rake at any time to freshen the look.
- It can be top-dressed, while other mulches must be replaced.
- Cypress is the best choice for permanent landscape beds. It breaks down slowly, so it has little benefit for the soil.
- Our grade "A" cypress mulch is made from the bark of the cypress tree. It will retain its color & integrity much longer. Lesser cypress mulches usually found at gas stations and chain stores are chips, made from the entire tree. The two products are not at all similar.
- Each bag covers approximately 10-12 square feet when installed 2-3" deep.

Cedar Bark Mulch

Generally considered much the same as grade "A" cypress, ours is western cedar bark and will last the same length of time as cypress.

- A similar color and quality as cypress but more sustainable.
- Somewhat more economical than cypress with the same insect repellent properties.
- Each bag covers approximately 10-12 square feet when installed 2-3" deep.

"Living" Mulch

A locally produced, certified organic amendment that provides nutrients for plants, can help break up clay, and builds great soil whether used as much or as an amendment. (Available in bulk scoops only.)

- 50% composted horse manure & 50% aged pine fines.
- Plant directly into this mix but we recommend it be mixed with other soil amendments and/or topsoil, particularly when building beds or gardens.

Pine Mulches [pine bark mulch, pine nuggets, pine bark mini-nuggets, pine straw]

Pine mulches are the best mulches for perennial, annual, roses, and vegetable gardens.

- Pine breaks down so that it actually conditions & contributes organic matter to the soil.
- Pine mulch lowers the soil pH (acidifies slowly), creating ideal growing conditions for many of these plants we love to grow.

Which of these to use is based upon personal preference & aesthetics, as each has its own unique set of attributes & uses. (Please note that pine nuggets will not break down as quickly as the others.)

- Pine straw has a unique & desired look and is appropriate in certain situations, particularly away from home foundations.
- Each bale covers approximately 8 square feet, applied 2-3" deep.
- A compressed bale/bag covers approximately 15 sq. ft.

Hardwood Mulch

Hardwood mulch is great for use around trees & shrubs.

- Tends to raise the pH level of the soil, so it's best not to use around perennials, annuals, roses, herbs & vegetable gardens.
- Breaks down quickly -- usually within six months -- and turns a gray color relatively quickly.
- Bagged hardwood is generally the same color as bulk.
- Each 2 cu. ft. bag covers approximately 8 square feet when installed 2-3" deep.
- Our bulk scoop is 3/4 cu. yd. -- equal to approximately 14 bags and covers 110 sq. ft. when installed 2-3" deep.
- A standard truck will hold 2 to 3 scoops.

(Please note that we do not sell 1/2 scoops, as we have no way to properly measure it.)

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