



MULCHING

Mulch is an organic or inorganic material placed on top of the soil for both function and aesthetic purposes. When effectively used, mulches help to maintain healthy plants, reduce garden maintenance, and improve the appearance of the planting area.

Advantages to using mulch:

1. Conserves moisture
2. Retains water so it can gradually soak into the soil
3. Maintains soil temperature
4. Breaks the impact of rain and irrigation on the soil
5. Reduces erosion
6. Reduces weed growth
7. Reduces soil baking, crusting, and cracking
8. Reduces winter kill
9. Adds aesthetic value
10. Increase soil fertility
11. Adds organic matter
12. Allows the flow of oxygen into the soil, and carbon dioxide out of it



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