



INEXPENSIVE, NATURAL MULCHES **PROVIDE IMPORTANT BENEFITS FOR PLANTS**

THE ADVANTAGES OF MULCHING

We recommend maintaining a 2" layer of natural, organic mulch year-round for both new and established trees, shrubs, roses, and perennials. Natural mulches, such as Pine Bark, help protect your landscape investment, promote better growth, and guard plants from injury by:

- Conserving soil moisture during dry periods (especially important for new plantings).
- Helping to prevent weed growth.
- Reducing root stress caused by winter and summer temperature extremes.
- Improving the soil with additional organic matter, through the natural decomposition of the mulch and periodic topdressings with new mulch.

In addition, mulching can dramatically improve the appearance of the landscape by creating crisp, neat bed lines, and providing a natural background that highlights the shape and texture of your plants.

USING MULCHES

For best results, weed the plant bed before spreading the mulch. Apply a 2" layer of the mulch by shaking it out of the bag around the bed, then spreading with a lawn rake or by hand. Be careful not to cover foliage or small branches with the mulch. Topdress the bed each succeeding spring or fall with additional mulch as needed in order to replenish mulch that has decomposed, but do not apply more mulch than is needed to maintain a 2-3" layer.

TYPES OF NATURAL MULCHES

We recommend using the following natural mulches for your plantings:

Pine Bark Mulch or Cedar Bark Mulch

A 3 cu. ft. bag covers approx. 36 sq. ft. 1" deep, or 18 sq. ft. 2" deep. The most economical mulch. Use for woody plants, groundcovers and roses. More fine-textured than our other bark mulches. The best all-purpose mulch.

Pine Bark Chips

A 3 cu. ft. bag covers approx. 25–30 sq. ft. 1" deep. These 1–1-1/2" size decorative nuggets are larger and more uniform than regular Pine Bark Mulch. Use where more texture interest is desired.

Pine Bark Nuggets

A 3 cu. ft. bag covers approx. 20–25', 1–1-1/2" deep. Use these 1-1/2–2" size nuggets where greater texture and special emphasis is desired.

Salt Hay

Each bale provides light coverage for 600–800 sq. ft. A clean and seedless hay cut from coastal hay meadow grasses. Use for newly seeded lawns, strawberries, and vegetable gardens, and as winter cover for roses and perennials.

Cocoa Hull Mulch

A 2 cu. ft. bag covers approx. 15 sq. ft. 2" deep. These 1/2" cocoa bean hulls (shells) smell attractively of chocolate. A good mulch for roses, perennials and annuals.