## MULCH INSTALLATION

The benefits of adding mulch to your property go above and beyond enhancing the beautiful appearance of your home or business. Mulching also helps to protect plants against temperature changes, improve soil, maintain moisture, and prevent weeds.

**BEAUTIFICATION -** Mulch can add a finished and manicured look to your landscaping. It is ideal to select a colored mulch to accentuate the tones of your home or building, flowers, and plants. Adding mulch around trees, bushes, flowerbeds, and along the foundation of your building can instantaneously add to your property's curb appeal.

**PROTECTANT –** Mulch can act as a form of insulation for plants and trees. Mulching helps to control temperature in the soil to keep roots warm in the Winter season and cool in the Summer months.

**SOIL IMPROVEMENT -** Mulch made from organic materials such as wood can help improve the soil as it decays. Insects and other micro-organisms break down the mulch over time which creates organic matter that returns back to the soil and acts as natural fertilization.

**MOISTURE PRESERVATION -** Adding mulch to the base of trees, flowerbeds, plants, and bushes can help limit the need for excessive watering. Since mulch acts as a form of insulation, it also helps to conserve water in the soil for plant roots and limits water evaporation.

**WEED PREVENTION -** By blocking sunlight and creating a barrier to sprout, mulching can help prevent weeds from taking over your plants and flower beds.

**MULCHING BEST PRACTICES -** A layer of 2 - 3 inches of mulch is recommended for beds. It is best to remove some old mulch if re-mulching to avoid a layer of mulch higher than the recommended height. Too much mulch can harm plants and trees and also increases the chance of triggering a fire during hot Summer months.

Adding landscape fabric under mulch could potentially produce increased runoff from water and prohibit your flowerbeds from having a groomed and manicured look. Using plastic barriers under mulch also prevents the benefits of mulch decay improving soil.

One mistake to avoid is getting bad mulch. A professional landscape company is a reliable source for securing quality landscape materials and ensuring proper installation. Obtaining mulch from an untrustworthy supplier can cause unwanted out of pocket costs to repair damage to buildings and plants caused by mulch contamination.

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