

# Information and tips on mulch

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Mulch is a simple and inexpensive way to enhance the appearance of your property and benefit your shrubs, trees and flowers as well.

## Benefits of mulch:

- ✓ Erosion protection
- ✓ Conserves moisture
- ✓ Protects roots from temperature extremes
- ✓ Inhibits weed growth
- ✓ Nourishes and enriches soil as it decomposes

As mulch decomposes, the resulting organic matter replenishes nutrients in the soil beneath it. This also helps keep the soil loose, improves root health and increases the soil's water retention. Mulch provides a polished, finished appearance and a distinctive contrast to the green areas of your yard. It also helps delineate flower beds, shrubs and trees.

Most people apply mulch in the spring and fall. The refreshed mulch beds protect the roots of plants from the heat of summer and freezing in winter. Which type of mulch you use depends on your plants and the aesthetic appeal you're striving for. **\*All of the mulch sold by Pete Rose, Inc. is double-shredded.**

- **Hardwood Mulch:** Comes from the bark of a variety of hardwood trees, particularly oak. This is the most popular of our mulch products.
- **Pine Mulch:** Comes from the bark of pine trees. Pine mulch can be used in the same way as hardwood mulch. This mulch is particularly well-suited for areas that have acid-loving plants, such as azaleas and rhododendrons. The higher acidity of the bark replaces what these plants deplete from the soil.
- **Color-enhanced Mulch:** We carry three colors of hardwood mulch: black, brown and red. They are double-shredded and the dyes are eco-friendly so they won't harm your children, pets or plants. These color-enhanced mulches last at least twice as long as standard hardwood mulch because there is more of the pulp and roots of the tree shredded along with the bark. These mulches will decompose and enrich the soil like the others, but at a slower rate since it is a more substantial product.

Standard application of mulch is two inches deep. This allows adequate coverage and protection, although it can be laid down thicker. As a guideline, one cubic yard of mulch will cover approximately 165 square feet at a depth of two inches.