

WHICH MULCH SHOULD I USE?

What is the type of garden bed?	Existing site?	Underlay recommended?	Recommendations*	Depth	Replacement time
Indigenous	Level	Not necessary	Biomat or Plantation Mulch	50-75mm	ANNUALLY
	Sloped	Not necessary	Just Grow It Moisture Mulch or Biomat	50-75mm	ANNUALLY
Vegetables	Level	Newspaper (3 sheet thickness sprinkled with blood & bone)	Pea Straw or Lucerne	75mm	EVERY 6 MONTHS
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Annuals & Herbaceous Perennials	Small Garden		10mm Graded Bark	50mm	ANNUALLY
	Pots		Pebbles	Shallow Layer	ONLY AS REQ'D
Roses		Not necessary	Lucerne, topped with a thin layer of a mulch matching adjacent areas if req'd	50mm	ANNUALLY
Camellias, Azaleas & Rhododendrons	Sloped		Biomat	50mm	ANNUALLY
	Level	Weedmat, to avoid root disturbance	Biomat or 10mm Graded Bark	50mm	ANNUALLY
Fruit Trees	Level	Newspaper (3 sheet thickness sprinkled with Blood and Bone or Cow Manure)	Pea Straw, topped with a thin layer of a mulch matching adjacent areas if req'd	75mm	ANNUALLY
Ferns	Level	Weedmat, to avoid root disturbance	Biomat or 10mm Graded Bark or Just Grow It Moisture Mulch	50mm	ANNUALLY
Playground Areas			10mm Graded Bark	50-75mm	TOPPED UP ANNUALLY
General Garden Beds	Sloped	Weedmat, to avoid root disturbance	Just Grow It Moisture Mulch or Biomat	50-75mm	ANNUALLY
Container Planting	All Pot sizes		Biomat	25mm	ANNUALLY
			or Pebbles	Shallow Layer	ONLY AS REQ'D

NOTE:
All mulches are useful for both water retention and for help with weed control. Some mulches work better on sloped surfaces and are less likely to run off in cases of heavy rain.

***ANY MULCH CAN BE USED IN ANY SITUATION. HOWEVER, THESE ARE OUR CONSIDERED RECOMMENDATIONS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PLANTS' NUTRIENT NEEDS AND OTHER FACTORS.**

SOIL IMPROVEMENT VALUE

Different mulches have varying capacities to improve the soil as well as providing the benefit of mulch. These are their soil improvement ratings:
HIGH: PEA STRAW, LUCERNE, BIOMAT
MEDIUM: JUST GROW IT, 10mm GRADED BARK
LOW: PLANTATION EUCA MULCH
NONE: PEBBLES