

HOW TO

Mulch your garden

Mulching is a great example of closed-loop recycling - it takes waste (garden prunings) and turns it into a beneficial product that can help your garden thrive over the hot summer months.



WHY MULCH?

Mulch can:

- Insulate your garden
- Suppress weeds
- Reduce water required
- Reduce the need for fertilisers
- Reduce soil erosion
- Look good!



WHAT CAN I USE MULCH ON?

Mulch is great for use around shrubs, trees and native plants, in garden beds, or in pots.

HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?

1-2 years

WHEN SHOULD I MULCH MY GARDEN?

Mid-late spring is the ideal time, however you can mulch any time of the year!

HOW MUCH SHOULD I APPLY?

Up to **75mm** is sufficient to conserve water and suppress weeds. Too much mulch will suffocate plant roots and can kill a plant.



HOW DO I APPLY MULCH?

1. Remove any weeds
2. Water the garden if dry
3. Spread an even layer of mulch over the surface of the soil, leaving a gap around tree trunks and plant stems to avoid root rot
4. Apply a wetting agent to the mulch to prevent it from becoming water repellent as it breaks down

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