

TEXAS NATIVE®

Black Label Hardwood Mulch

Uses and application rates of Texas Native® Black Label Mulch

USE	MULCH
<u>Flower and garden beds:</u>	<i>Inches to apply</i>
New Beds	3" – 4"
Maintaining Existing Beds	1" – 3"

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Remove fallen leaves, sticks, weeds, and other debris from your bedding area. Prune bushes and trees by hand then water existing plants.
- Use a weed barrier. You can use multiple layers of newspaper or brown paper grocery bags for a biodegradable barrier or you can use plastic or fabric weed barriers to keep weed seeds from growing up from underneath, but you'll still need to remove any weed seeds that get blown into the top side of your beds by the wind.
- Use a pitchfork instead of a shovel to make moving your mulch easier. Use a large wheelbarrow for loading your mulch, it will carry more material per trip, reducing your installation time.
- Unload the mulch from your wheelbarrow in small piles around your work area. If you are using bags, try stacking the bags throughout your work area instead of putting them all together to make spreading faster and easier.
- Spread the mulch with a steel tine rake to a depth of 2-4 inches; mulch in excess of 4 inches can be detrimental to your plants as air and water will have difficulty reaching them.
- Leave a space a couple of inches away from tree trunks and plant stems to help keep the plants healthy and free from disease and insects. Avoid installing your mulch directly against your home's exterior.
- When installing ANY dyed mulches, choose a day when the weather is clear and when no rain is expected in the forecast. Water your plants BEFORE installing your mulch. Because we use only EPA approved, non-toxic colorants, the dye will only bond to the mulch when it is dried. If water comes into contact with the mulch prior to bonding the dyes can wash off. Once dried, the dyes will be permanently bonded and will not wash off. Average time needed to allow mulch to dry is 24 hours.
- Use a leaf blower at the end of the installation to blow any dirt or mulch back into the beds, smooth out the top of the mulch, and clean and smooth your edges.
- Periodically maintain your beds by pulling any weeds that grow from underneath the mulch.

HOW TO CALCULATE THE NUMBER OF CUBIC YARDS NEEDED:

Area length (ft.) x width (ft.) x depth (in.) ÷ 324 = cubic yards needed