

Why Apply Mulch?

Suppress weeds



Reduce watering



Protect soil



Reduce compaction

Simple Steps

- 1 Remove weeds
- 2 Cover bare soil
 - Apply correct thickness
 - Keep at least 1 inch from plant stems and bark
- 3 Re-apply when bare soil peeks through

Materials to Avoid

Avoid materials that shed water and prevent nutrients from reaching roots:

Plastic
Landscape Fabric
Fine or Medium Bark

For Landscape Beds Choose:



Wood Chip Mulch
3 to 4 inches thick



Leaf Mulch
2 to 3 inches thick

For Vegetables and Flowers Choose:



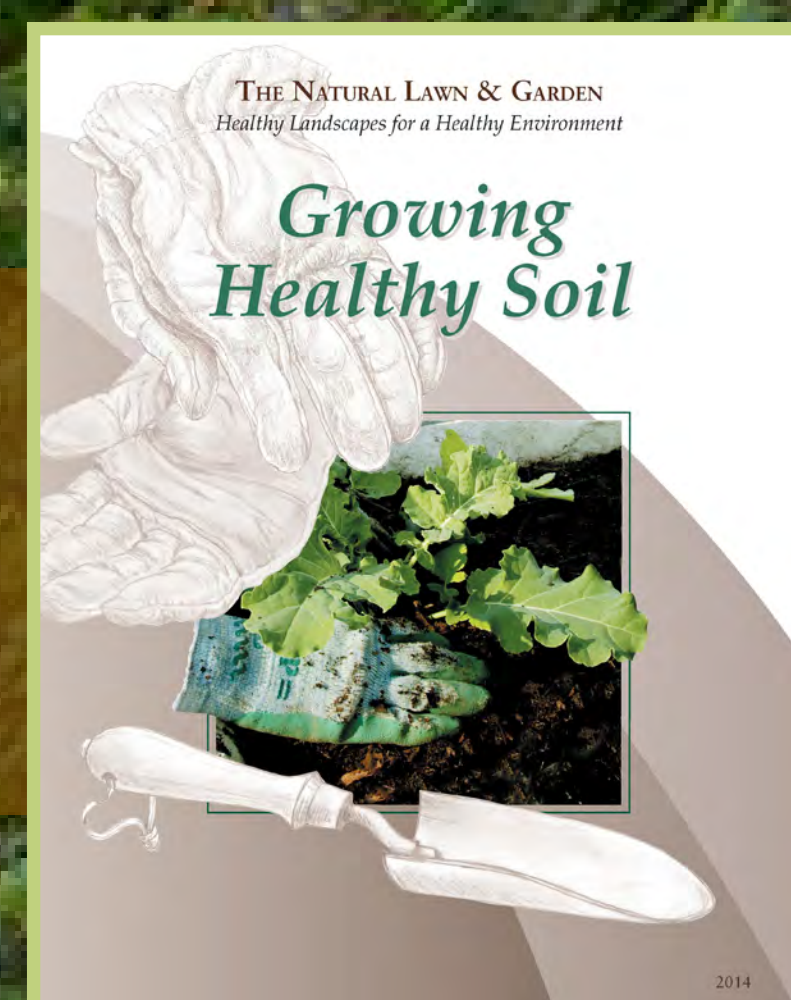
Compost Mulch
Up to 1 inch thick



Straw Mulch
1 to 2 inches thick

What Quantity Do You Need?

- 1 Visit www.savingwater.org and search 'Compost and Mulch Calculator'
- 2 Enter thickness and size of area
- 3 Select 'calculate' and "Voila!"



See page 5 in the "Growing Healthy Soil" publication for more information.

