



BENEFITS OF MULCHING

Mulching is great for your lawn for many reasons. Mulching saves time, money, labor. There is no need for raking, bagging, or purchasing bags.

WHY SHOULD I MULCH CLIPPINGS & LEAVES ONTO LAWN INSTEAD OF BAGGING?

It's good for your lawn:

- Enhances health and growth of the lawn by reducing moisture from lawn and keeping soil temperature cooler.
- Lawn clippings are approximately 85% water and 5% nitrogen and can provide up to 25% of fertilizer needs for an average lawn
- The nutrients returned to the lawn from clippings can effectively cut out one full fertilizer application, saving time, money and labor
- It's good for the environment by keeping grass clippings and leaves out of landfills. According to the EPA, grass clippings account for 2/3 of all yard waste.
- Mulching takes less time than bagging because you don't have to stop to empty the bag.

ADVANTAGES OF USING LEAVES AND CLIPPINGS FOR MULCH IN GARDENS

It's good for garden maintenance and improves the health of your plants:

- **Moisture Retention:**
Keeps the soil moist longer than uncovered dirt. The material absorbs water from rainfall and watering and slows the evaporation of moisture from soil, which saves money on your water bill.
- **Temperature Control:**
Mulch creates a layer of insulation on the soil, which keeps the ground cooler in the summer/spring and warmer in the winter to help protect plant roots from winter temperatures.
- **Weed Suppression:**
Mulch help to keep the weed growth to a minimum by preventing sunlight from reaching germinating weeds from growing. If weed seeds land on top of mulch, they aren't able to root deeply into the soil, so they are easier to remove.
- **Soil Nutrients:**
Decomposing mulch adds nutrient rich matter to the soil and feeds the plants. Also, decomposed materials improve the in hard compacted soil.

