



Planting Materials

Mulch

Mulch is a loose material that is spread on top of soil. Mulch helps to protect the soil around plantings. Wind and water can wear soil away if it is not protected. Mulch also helps to hold water and heat in the soil and helps to prevent weed growth. Usually, it is a rough organic material like leaves, grass clippings, bark or wood chips.



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Landscape Fabric

Landscape fabrics are usually large sheets of inexpensive, lightweight materials that are placed under mulches. They can be made of plastic, burlap and other synthetic materials. These fabrics allow water and air to reach the soil but, prevent weeds from growing.

Learning Activity – Planting Materials

Use a **complete sentence** for each question.

1. What is mulch?_

2. Why is landscape fabric used?

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