

Mulching

Reduce water evaporation
by up to 70%


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Save energy, water
and money



Show your garden that you care with mulch.

The benefits of mulch reach below the soil surface

By adding a thick layer of mulch to your garden you will:

- › Reduce water loss from soil.
- › Reduce the need for chemical sprays.
- › Control soil erosion.
- › Decrease the amount of plant material going to landfill.
- › Suppresses weed growth by 50% to 70%
- › Improve plant health and soil structure over time.

You will give your garden an immediate facelift with mulch's natural appearance and soft surface.

To allow your garden to enjoy these benefits spread mulch to a depth of 5–10 cm and leave your stems and trunks with some breathing room.

You can mulch with:

- › Compost – generally the older the compost the greater the benefit to your soil.
- › Pine or eucalypt wood chips.
- › Lawn clippings, prunings, leaves and plant material.
- › Sawdust, straw and hay.
- › Gravel, stones and similar inorganic material can be used as ground cover around plants in the garden to reduce evaporation and weeds.

Useful information

A rebate may be available from your retailer when you purchase \$100 or more of eligible water saving products, including compost bins.

More information

Ask your retailer, your local Metropolitan or Regional Waste Management Group, phone 1300 363 744 or visit www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/smarterchoice