

LEAF MULCH

Natural Soil Building Block

As an essential part of the carbon cycle, leaves are critical for the development of nutrient rich, healthy soils. Leaves occur naturally in forested environments and replenish the soil with nutrients and necessary organic matter for healthy microbial activity and nutrient rich soils. In our urban forest, removal of leaves from landscape areas results in the loss of this natural building block. We produce all our collected leaves into leaf mulch to reapply to the trees in our urban environments to sustain this natural benefit.

Leaf Mulch Production

Through our curbside leaf collection services, we ensure that only leaves are collected and that they are recycled and produced into an excellent leaf mulch product for your trees, landscape and garden beds. As the leaves are collected, they are ground and shredded into a very fine and nutrient rich product that can be used as any other wood mulch or as an additive to your soil.

Our leaf mulch is comprised of strictly leaves only and leaves from our local urban forest.

Benefits

Leaf mulch provides many of the same benefits as a wood mulch, with the major difference being that leaf mulch will break down much faster than a wood mulch. This results in quicker availability of the nutrients in the leaves to incorporate into your soil and ultimately to your trees and plants. Leaf mulch will also help your trees and plants with insulation from extreme cold or hot temperatures, retain soil moisture and add organic matter to your soil for healthy soil activity.

Uses

Leaf mulch can be used as a decorative mulch, but also as an additive to your soil or as protection for your trees and plants root systems and soils from extremely cold temperatures during the winter. After [vertical mulching or root collar excavations](#) are performed, we incorporate leaf mulch into the soil that we use when backfilling the excavated areas. The leaf mulch helps increase organic matter into the soil which helps soil biology, ultimately helping to create a healthier soil.

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