



# Clippings

## **Why Mulch? Mulch does more for your garden than just make it look good!** **Here's some information about mulch that you might not know!**

*The word mulch is thought to have come from an old English word 'melsc' (meaning rotten hay) or the German word 'molsch' (meaning soft). According to the United States Department of Agriculture, mulch provides many vital benefits to your plants and garden.*



**BENEFIT #1** - Weed Control. Mulch helps prevent the germination of weed seeds and reduces the need for herbicides and chemicals

**BENEFIT #2** - Moisture Retention. Mulch helps moderate the soil temperature and retain moisture, reducing the need for watering.

**BENEFIT #3** - Soil Enhancement. Organic mulch, like cypress or eucalyptus, add organic material to the garden as they decompose and promote the growth of worms and other beneficial organisms.

**BENEFIT #4** - Soil Retention. Applying mulch to your garden and planting areas protects soil from erosion and crusting during heavy rains.

**BENEFIT #5** - Appearance. Mulch looks great and it makes your garden look great!