Benefits of Mulch:
- Soil moisture is conserved
- Soil erosion and water loss are reduced
- Weed competition is reduced
- Soil compaction is reduced
- Soil temperature is moderated
- Encourages earlier and longer growth patterns

Use Polypropylene Woven Weed Barrier mulch:
- The new materials manufactured today are tougher, lighter, woven (permeable), UV resistant, and very durable
- Although initially expensive, they more than pay for themselves over the long term by reducing watering and maintenance (mowing/weeding)
- Do not use non-porous fabrics that will not allow the roots/soil to breathe or gather moisture

Tips if you use wood fiber mulch:
- Use dry material
- Pile no more than 3 to 4 inches deep
- Don't let it come in to contact with the seedling’s stem because wet mulch can cause fungal growth