

Mulch – Fabric or Organic

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