



GroundSmart™ Rubber Mulch Landscape Installation Instructions

BACKGROUND

GroundSmart™ Rubber Mulch is the smart choice for all landscape mulch and groundcover applications. GroundSmart™ Rubber Mulch not only looks better 365 days a year, year after year, it's more durable, cost-effective, maintenance free and eco-friendly than wood mulch, stone and other landscape groundcover materials.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN

A landscape architect or landscape contractor involved in landscape design, installation and maintenance should be consulted with questions or concerns regarding the site topography, soil condition and water management.

Proper drainage, preventing water accumulation around and against buildings, foundations and certain plant materials, must be maintained. In order to ensure proper drainage factors such as climate, soil conditions, and the overall topography of the landscape site need to be considered.

GROUND PREPERATION

Installation area must be properly prepared prior to installation of GroundSmart™ Rubber Mulch.

New or Existing Landscapes:

- Landscape areas should be graded for proper drainage and comprised of a soil conducive for growing and maintaining healthy plant material.
- Landscape surface areas must be cleared of all grass, wood chips, rocks, stumps, gravel, or any other type of debris.
- Installation of a commercial grade geotextile landscape fabric is recommended under GroundSmart™ Rubber Mulch. Landscape fabric should be properly secure and all seams should overlap a minimum of three inches.

DELIVER, RECEIPT & UNLOADING OF GROUNDSMART™ RUBBER MULCH

GroundSmart™ Rubber Mulch is packaged in 1,000 lb or 2,000 lb super sacks strapped to a pallet or 98 0.8 cu ft poly bags packaged and shrink wrapped with 98 bags per pallet.

Delivery can be either via a lift gate truck, van trailer or flatbed trailer. The choice is delivery type must be pre-arranged. Van trailer delivery is the standard service. With both van trailer and flatbed delivery, unloading equipment must be provided at the project site. Unloading equipment must have the capacity to lift up to 2,000 lbs either lifting by the pallet with forks (for super sacks and poly bags) or hoisting from the super sack straps. The trucking company will not move pallets to the rear of the trailer, as such it is recommended to have a pallet jack available at the project site. The lift gate delivery service is limited to deliveries of 8 tons or less and the truck driver will unload the product "curbside" from the truck. Curbside is defined as delivery to a receiving area/dock for a business and to the curb at the end of your driveway for a residential delivery.



INSTALLATION OF MATERIAL

Install GroundSmart™ Rubber Mulch at a uniform level throughout the landscape. Any variety of method can be used for spreading the mulch including blowing, shoveling, pouring and raking. Care should be taken to not disturb the landscape fabric if used.

GroundSmart™ Rubber Mulch should be installed and maintained at a depth of 1.5" to 2" throughout the installed landscape areas.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE

Unlike wood mulch, GroundSmart™ Rubber Mulch does not decompose or breakdown over time. Upon discovery of a thin or displaced area in the landscape, simple rake and level back to installed depth.