

Rubber Mulch Installation Tips

Installation Instructions for Landscape Applications

- 1) Create an even grade over the entire area that is to be landscaped with Rubber Mulch. Gently slope the grade at a rate one inch per ten feet to insure proper drainage.
- 2) Install a porous landscaping fabric (not plastic). Cut appropriate openings in the fabric for trees, shrubs, plants and flowers.
- 3) Using landscape tape, staples or liquid nails, attach the cloth fabric to the perimeter edging material. This will prevent the fabric from pulling away as a result of frost and ground expansion and eliminate the air pockets that encourage weed growth between the edging and the rubber mulch.
- 4) Install the rubber mulch. If you intend on "building up" the grade around trees, shrubs or plants, do so with soil, then cover with the fabric. This will prevent a needless waste of the rubber mulch and cut down your cost significantly.
- 5) For best results, the rubber mulch be installed at a consistent depth of about two inches over the entire area covered with fabric -not one inch in some areas and three or four inches or more in others.

Installation Instructions for Playground Applications

- 1) Insure that your playground is leveled and graded evenly.
- 2) Install your playground set and the border edging in the configuration desired.
- 3) Install porous landscaping fabric. Using landscape tape, staples or liquid nails, attach the fabric to the edging. This will prevent the fabric from "pulling away" as a result of frost and ground expansion and eliminate the air pockets that encourage weed growth between the edging and the rubber mulch.
- 4) Install the rubber mulch. For safety purposes, at least a four-inch depth is recommended for residential installations. Local regulations often require a six-inch depth of rubber mulch when used in public playground facilities.

ANOTHER HINT:

In areas of your playground (especially commercial playgrounds) where there is considerable activity (at the bottom of slides and underneath swings, for example), we suggest that you put down a rubber swing mat. The mat should be placed on top of the rubber mulch. Swing mats keep the mulch from being pushed away from the high traffic areas.