Mulch Selection Guide

Guide to selecting mulch for crops, orchards and gardens, comparing materials by purpose, availability and how they affect weeds, moisture and soil. Work through the steps in order and keep notes on what you find along the way.

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1. Define the main goal for the mulch
2. List the materials available locally
3. Consider weed control needs
4. Consider moisture retention
5. Check how the material breaks down
6. Check for contamination such as herbicide residue
7. Plan application method and depth per local advice
8. Plan removal or incorporation
9. Record results details

YOUR NOTES

TIP Ask the supplier about herbicide residue in straw, hay or compost before you buy.

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