



Leaf Mulching

Leaf Mulching is the process of shredding leaves with a lawnmower and using them as mulch on your gardens and lawn.

Why Leaf Mulch?

- Leaf mulch returns nutrients back to the soil.
- Leaf mulch helps retain moisture in soils.
- Leaf mulch acts like an insulating barrier from the cold of the winter and heat in the summer and from the wind all year round.
- Leaf mulch can help prevent the growth of weeds. Add a thick layer (5 to 7.5 cm or 2 to 3 inches) to gardens to reduce the need for herbicides.

Leaf Mulching Tips:

- Keep your mower blade sharp
- Set your mower blade to 6cm (2.5 inches) high
- Mow leaves when dry to prevent clumping
- Push lawnmower slowly to give mower time to chop up leaves.
- Mow leaves when there is no more than 2.5 cm (1 inch) of leaf litter.
- When adding mulch to gardens, do not put mulch right up to the base of plants or trees and make mulch no deeper than 5 to 7.5 cm (2 to 3 inches).

