



Rubber Nugget Mulch

GroundSmart rubber mulch nuggets are the perfect loose-fill groundcover for landscaping and playground applications. With long-lasting color, GroundSmart will outlast your cedar wood mulch or bark wood mulch by more than a decade! Our 12-year color guarantee means you can stop annual mulching, saving time and money for years to come. Rated as the safest playground surface available today, GroundSmart rubber mulch nuggets have a fall height rating 2X that of wood mulch, leading to fewer bumps and bruises. GroundSmart has black, red, brown, blue, and green mulch that is made from 100% recycled rubber. GroundSmart rubber nugget mulch helps keep millions of scrap tires and billions of pounds of scrap tire rubber out of landfills every year.



Installation Guidelines for Playground

- The ground area where the playground will lie should either be in a location that will not hold water, or have slight grade to allow for proper drainage. In areas where drainage could be an issue: it is recommended to install a drain tile system, with a 3" base of pea gravel or rock to allow for proper drainage.
- Heavy duty weed fabric should be installed under GroundSmart Mulch to separate the mulch from what lies beneath. Depending on the size of the playground, it is recommended to use large rolls of weed fabric (12' width rolls) to minimize the number of seams.
- Use landscape stakes to stake down weed fabric seams and corners. Make sure the stakes are completely hammered down.
- A border is recommended to enclose the playground to contain the mulch. It is recommended to have a few inches between the top of the border and the top of the mulch.
- It is recommended to loosely compact the mulch to either 3 or 6 inches to achieve the desired fall height rating.

Installation Guidelines for Landscape

- Install GroundSmart Mulch at a 1.5" depth
- It is recommended to install over a permeable weed fabric. Using a weed fabric will increase coverage of mulch, decrease risk of weeds, and keep mulch in place.
- If installing GroundSmart Mulch over existing mulch or soil, make sure the ground surface is a compacted material, free of debris and loose objects. GroundSmart will look its best when not mixed in with other debris.
- We recommend installing boarder on your mulch or plant beds to help contain GroundSmart Mulch. The boarder can either be raised, poured concrete/brick, or a 1.5" dug trench around the bed.
- To clear leaves and other debris off the top of GroundSmart, use a blower on a low setting. Since GroundSmart is heavier than grass clippings and leaves, it will stay in place while the debris is blown away.

Simply the Safest

- Long-lasting, cost-effective landscape and playground cover
- 12-year Color-Lock guarantee
- Made from 100% recycled rubber
- Saves time and money by eliminating annual mulching
- Up to 73 percent savings versus wood mulch in landscape applications
- 2X the coverage of wood mulch
- Helps prevent weeds
- Does not attract termites, carpenter ants or other harmful wood destroying insects
- Does not float, absorb water, erode or blow away with heavy wind or rain
- Inhibits growth of mold and fungi, reducing allergy risk
- Will not rot or decay, unlike wood mulch
- Creates safer playgrounds
- Reduces injuries from falls
- Available in Brown, Black, Red, Blue, and Green

Critical Heights of Tested Materials of 6" Depth

GroundSmart - 14 ft

Wood Chips - 7 ft

Engineered Wood - 6 ft

Wood Mulch - 6 ft

Double Shredded Bark - 6 ft

Fine Gravel - 6 ft

Medium Gravel - 5 ft

Fine Sand - 5 ft



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