

## Linda Cobb's Favorite Mulch & Soil Amendments

"In the early Spring, I like to rake the leaves out of my garden beds, trim back the perennials and roses and put down a fresh 2-3" layer of a 50/50 mixture of triple ground hardwood bark and Gardener's Choice before I do any planting. It gives the garden an instant makeover, even before everything starts to green up and bloom. Mulch also keeps weeds out, keeps moisture in, and keeps the roots cool. Unlike pine needles which have almost no nutritional value for your plants, mulch breaks down over time, making the soil looser and more workable. I recommend a fine particle size, so that it breaks down faster into the soil." - Linda



## Mulches

### Hardwood Bark (Double Ground)

Double Ground Hardwood Bark Mulch is appropriate for just about any landscape situation, flat or sloped. It is a finely ground product and suitable for evergreens and deciduous plants, shrubs and trees. It lasts about 12-18 months.



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Nationally known garden columnist & radio show host, educator, garden designer and David Austin Rose tester. Linda's gardens have been featured in numerous national magazines and she is a member of 7 garden societies and several Upstate garden clubs. Contact Linda at [www.MyGardenersGuide.com](http://www.MyGardenersGuide.com).

### Hardwood Bark (Triple Ground )

Triple Ground Hardwood Bark Mulch has an even finer texture than double ground. It is best when used on flat areas. It is also suitable for mulching around all types of plants and trees, and its superfine particle size means it breaks down more quickly (approximately 10-12 months) into a rich organic soil amendment.



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## Soil Amendments

"Whenever you create a new planting area, be it in a container, or a raised bed, or in a plowed vegetable garden, it is critical to get our Southern red clay soil properly aerated and amended. Adding organic material allows plants to take up the nutrition they need and keeps them from drowning in soggy soil and from baking in hard clay. I recommend using this formula: 1/3 sand, 1/3 peat moss or compost and 1/3 native soil. The Gardener's Choice can be used for the compost portion. Amending your soil makes it easier to dig in as well as giving your plants a great start." - Linda

### Gardener's Choice

This premium compost blend is perfect for many gardening applications:

- amending the soil in flower beds and vegetable gardens
- top dressing lawns
- top dressing shrubs, trees and flower beds

Gardener's Choice has a neutral PH and is a mixture of leaf compost, mulch fines and composted poultry litter. The combination provides a slow-release, non-burning fertilizer for feeding plants. It is aged 12-18 months to eliminate odor and weed seeds, then is double mixed and screened to ensure a consistent blend quality and fine particle size. "Black Gold" for your garden!



### Organic Topsoil

The Organic Topsoil is a proprietary blend of approximately 75% topsoil and 25% compost. We screen sticks and rocks out of local topsoil and blend in Gardener's Choice material to produce a lightweight soil that is easy to spread and great for growing. This mix is good for creating raised beds and vegetable gardens. It is also suitable as a top dressing for lawns and as a planting mix for containers.

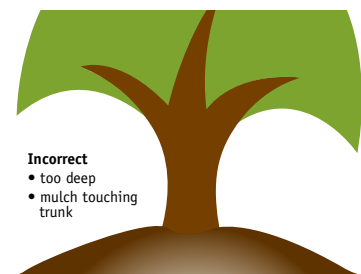
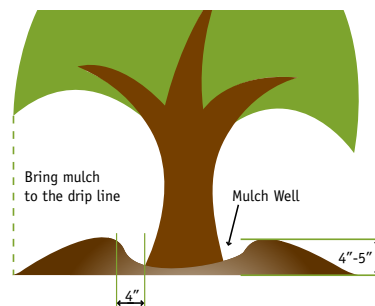


## Mulch Calculator

To estimate cubic yards of mulch needed, determine your total square footage, then divide by:

648	for 1/2" depth of coverage	65	for 5" depth
324	for 1" depth	54	for 6" depth
216	for 1.5" depth	40.5	for 8" depth
162	for 2" depth	32.5	for 10" depth
108	for 3" depth	27	for 12" depth
81	for 4" depth		

## Proper Mulching



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