

Benefits of Mulch

Does your garden or other exposed soil always look cracked and dry? Cracked soil is a sign that it is void of moisture and nutrients. Just soaking a cracked area isn't the answer! One of the best ways to conserve water in a landscape is to add a layer of mulch around trees, shrubs, flowers, vegetables, and even your lawn. Mulch comes in many forms and has many benefits for the plants and the soil they grow in. Some of those benefits include:

1. Slowing evaporation of water from the soil. The more water that evaporates, the less there is available to our plants.
2. Keeping the weeds down. Weeds are direct competitors with our plants for the water we are trying to conserve.
3. Reducing soil compaction. Compacted soils are slower to absorb water which creates more runoff and faster evaporation.
4. Promoting healthier plants. Healthy plants have healthy root systems that are better able to take up water from a higher soil volume.

So, put down that mulch layer and we can all have healthy plants ready to weather the water restrictions and avoid cracked and dry desert soil.

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