

Tip 4



Use mulch and compost on your garden beds to reduce water evaporation and improve soil structure

Mulching

There are many mulches to choose from. They vary in size of particle, texture, nutrient content and moisture retention. Once you have decided what to plant, your local garden supply or nursery can recommend the most appropriate mulch to use.

Mulching helps:

- fertilize your plants
- improve drainage in the soil
- improve soil structure
- reduce weed problems
- retain moisture in the soil
- reduce the need for watering
- give garden beds a fresh appearance for months to come.

Recycled green waste from trees and bushes is one of the most common forms of mulch. This is readily available from your local council or tree arborists at a much reduced price, and is one of the most economical ways to help your plants survive hot, dry summers. You will be conserving water too.

Saving Water

10 tips
for maintaining
a green garden
while saving water

Don't mulch too heavily around the base of new or old plants. Place a light layer of mulch around the base and a much thicker layer away from the trunk to create a bowl effect. This gives the plant a helping hand to catch and retain water. Check the soil moisture under your mulch regularly with a metal rod or an old screwdriver. Don't over water.

Compost

Grass clippings, vegetable scraps, kitchen and garden wastes can all be used as compost. Digging or turning these over regularly in a bin will make an inexpensive compost. When added to your garden, the compost will assist plants and introduce worms to your soil.

Compost helps:

- fertilize your plants
- improve your soil quality
- retain moisture for your plants
- reduce the need for watering

Mushroom compost is a popular form of organic fertilizer to improve soil structure for plants and is readily available from garden suppliers.

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Burwood 39 Huntingdale Rd

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Hoppers Crossing 9/428 Old Geelong Rd

Lilydale 19 Cave Hill Rd

Moorabbin 250 Chesterville Rd

Frankston 3/9 Sir Laurence Drive Seaford

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