

COCOA BEAN SHELLS THE ORGANIC MULCH

Cocoa Mulch, a by-product of the chocolate making process, is called the perfect mulch for your garden, flower beds and roses.

It stimulates soil-

- Soil compaction is known to be one of the chief problems in producing a quality garden environment. Used in the spring as a top dressing to improve the physical condition of the soil.

Weed Control-

- Applied at the correct rate it forms a barrier to stop weed growth.

Watering-

- Holds water in the ground by reducing transpiration, and, reduces the need for watering.

Low Acidity-

- Cocoa Mulch's low acidity makes it delicate enough to use on new lawns & roses.

It is 100% organic-

- Cocoa Mulch is 100% natural organic fertilizer. Decomposing mulch contains approximately 2.5% Nitrogen, 1% Phosphate and 3% Potash (Auburn University Soil Testing). Soils high in organic matter may have a rate of water penetration more than double that of soils with a low organic matter content.

Deters pests-

- The texture of Cocoa Mulch serves as a natural deterrent to slugs and snails, potentially reducing damage to the garden from insects and pests.

Weed-free-

- Cocoa shells are the clean husks removed from roasted cocoa beans used in the making of Chocolate and Cocoa. Cocoa Mulch is screened and free of weed seeds. Further, it aids in the prevention of weed germination.

Safe-

- Keeps working through the whole season, is a safe, slow-acting humus builder in soil.

Thermal Blanket-

- Used in the fall as a surface mulch, it will help to prevent the injurious effects of alternate freezing and thawing, by acting as a thermal barrier between the soil and the environment during the Winter and Spring. This action protects the rose roots during dormancy and allows for a vigorous break.

How to Use Cocoa shells

- Simply spread on the ground, or on the surface of pots and containers, 3/4 - 1 1/2 inches thick and water well. The shells will gel together sealing the surface stopping weeds and holding in water. During this time natural moulds may appear, this is a process of decomposition and is harmless. Top dress with a second lite coating in 10-14 days. Store in a rodent-free area. If the ground, and especially the compost in pots, is dry, water very well before spreading the Cocoa shells. It will reduce water entry by the same process as it holds water in.

Lawns-

- Early spring apply about 5 pounds per hundred square feet as a top dressing which will give a source of organic material for building humus in the soil. Roll lawn thoroughly!
- Late fall apply five to ten pounds per hundred square feet each fall. This will help prevent the injurious effects of alternate freezing and thawing during the winter and early spring as well as to replace the organic matter which has been used by the soil. Roll lawn thoroughly!



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