

COCOA HULL MULCH



Green City Growers Mulches with Cocoa Bean Hulls

Cocoa bean hulls make excellent vegetable garden mulch! They hold moisture, but don't easily mold; they're packed with nutrients, but don't impact garden pH; they smell good, and darken instead of lighten with age.

Cocoa Hull Mulch FAQ

Q: What is Cocoa Hull Mulch?

Cocoa bean hull mulch is the shell of the cocoa bean. These shells come off the bean during the roasting process and are separated from the beans by strong air action, thus insuring a dry, weed-free, sterile product.

Q: Do Cocoa Hulls add Nutrients to the Soil?

Yes! Because of its slow decomposition process, it adds nutrients to the soil rather than drawing nutrients from the soil. Cocoa hull mulch contains 2.5% Nitrogen, 1% Phosphate, and 3% Potash. It has a pH factor of 5.8. No supplemental nitrogen is needed when cocoa hull mulch is applied.

Q: Are Insects Attracted to Cocoa Hulls?

As is true with any organic product, there are instances where insects live in the mulch. This is not a harmful thing and the cocoa hull mulch itself is not attracting insects! In fact, cocoa hull mulch tends to repel pests instead of attracting them.

Q: Does Cocoa Hull Mulch Tend to Mold?

Cocoa hulls hold moisture in the soil which benefits the plant material. They are typically mold resistant, but in some cases when the weather is very hot and humid, a harmless mold may appear. This also occurs with too much watering. The top layer of hulls should be allowed to dry between waterings.

Q: Is Cocoa Hull Mulch Harmful to Pets?

Cocoa hull mulch can be harmful to cats and dogs due to the natural presence of theobromine (the same component that makes chocolate toxic to dogs). Most dogs however, are not interested in eating cocoa hull mulch, and would have to ingest a large amount to get sick from it.

Where to Buy

All of our cocoa bean hull mulch is supplied by Taza Chocolate, straight from their chocolate factory across the street from our office in Somerville!

Taza now offers their cocoa hull mulch for purchase to everyone.

