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Material applied to the surface of a **soil** to protect the soil or to improve the **environment** of the soil's surface. Mulch can be made from many different kinds of organic or inorganic materials like stones, bark, compost, leaves, wood chips, and manure. The benefits of using mulch include the following: protection of soil from **erosion**, evaporation reduction, increased water **infiltration**, reduction in weed seed germination, increased seed germination, and reduction of **compaction** of soil.

See Also

Animal Waste; Composting; Fertilizer; Soil Organic Matter; Soil Texture; Topsoil