

## PINE NEEDLE MULCH

Longleaf Pine needles, brought in from Georgia, are now available to the homeowner, contractor, or Garden Center operator. Cedar Run Landscapes can provide you with any quantity you may need, from one bale for a small path, to a trailer load for an entire project!

Mulch the way nature does!



**Compressed Bale of Pine Needle Mulch**



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- Delivery, along with installation, is available.
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## WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF PINE NEEDLE MULCH?

- Pine needles will not cake and mat down. This eliminates the problem of compaction that makes some mulch impermeable to air, moisture, and fertilizer movement into the soil.
- The needles are long lasting. They have a very high resin content, which inhibits rapid decomposition. It will take 3-4 years for your needles to completely decompose. A light application of fresh needles, over the top, once a year, is all that you need to do.
- Pine needles will not be subject to the growth of Mushrooms, Slime molds, Bird's Nest fungus, or Artillery fungus!
- Pine needles will not cause rotting of the trunk collar on your trees.
- Pine needles have a natural appearance that blends beautifully into the landscape.



Male fern growing in Pine Needles.

## WHY MULCH?

Applying a covering over the roots of your plants provides many benefits.

- Maintain soil moisture
- Inhibit weed growth
- Moderate soil temperature
- Beautify landscape plantings

## WHY USE ORGANIC MULCH?

Organic mulches will, over time, decompose and add to the soil structure. This will create an environment that is conducive to beneficial insect and microbial activity. Organic mulches aid in keeping roots cool, and do not reflect sunlight onto plants.

## CAN I USE TOO MUCH MULCH?

Yes! Over mulching is possible. Many types of mulch can actually harm your plants if not applied properly! Many types of mulch will hold excess moisture next to the crown of your plants. This will cause rotting, and open up areas for insect and disease infestation. Pine needles will maintain their open structure.

## WHAT IS PINE NEEDLE MULCH?

The mulch that Cedar Run Landscapes distributes comes from the state of Georgia. The needles are collected from the Longleaf pine, *Pinus palustris*. These needles, which range from 8-18" long, are hand raked from pine plantations and are free of branches. They are in compressed bales, which contain 4 cubic feet of needles, and some 3½" cones. Needles have a lovely russet color.

## HOW ARE THE PINE NEEDLES USED?

Spreading the needles is very easy! The bales are light in weight, and can be lifted easily. We find it convenient to cut the ropes or wires that surround the bales while in a wheelbarrow, and then distribute them with a pitchfork.

You will find that with an initial application of 3½", one bale will cover about 35 sq. '. This will settle down to about 2½". Follow up applications to freshen up appearances will have coverage of about 75 sq. ' per bale.



Carex "Ice Dance" growing in Pine Needles.