

YARD WORKS Installs Playground Material



Soft One- Certified Engineered Wood Fiber Products cushion the fall with Yard Works Soft One Safety Surfacing. Each year, more than 200,000* children go to U.S. hospital emergency rooms with injuries associated with playground equipment.

Most injuries occur when a child falls from the equipment onto the ground. Many injuries can be prevented by protective ground coverings under equipment. Soft One Safety Surfacing can help protect children from injury while enhancing the appearance of the playground.

Available in Virgin Wood
Reduce Impact of fall-Soft One meets the American Standards for Testing and Material (ASTM) Specification for Impact Attenuation Wheelchair Accessible as required by the ADA.
Soft One (Its All Natural)
Environmentally Friendly -Soft One Recycled Is an Engineered Wood Fiber Product.

Non-Certified Play Ground Chips
Yard Works now offers non-certified Playground chips. These are dust free wood chips which are uniform in size and when installed at the suggested depth adds a shock-absorbing surface which will help reduce injury on the playground.



Use this simple checklist developed by the Consumer Products Commission, to help make sure your local community or school playground is a safe place to play.

1. Make sure surfaces around playground equipment have at least 12 inches of mulch, woodchips, sand, or pea gravel, or are mats made of safety-tested rubber or rubber-like materials.
2. Check that protective surfacing extends at least 6 feet in all directions from play equipment. For swings, be sure surfacing extends, in back and front, twice the height of the suspending bar.
3. Make sure play structures more than 30 inches high are spaced at least 9 feet apart.
4. Check for dangerous hardware, like open "S" hooks or protruding bolt ends.
5. Make sure spaces that could trap children, such as openings in guardrails or between ladder rungs, measure less than 3.5 inches or more than 9 inches.
6. Check for sharp points or edges in equipment.
7. Look out for tripping hazards, like platforms and ramps, have guardrails to prevent falls.
8. Check playground regularly to see that equipment and surfacing are in good condition.
9. Carefully supervise children on playgrounds to make sure they're safe.

These Recommendations from :
The Playground Safety Commission Board

Yardworks can install playground mulches quickly and professionally with no additional equipment on site. Don't be caught out of compliance. Let our professional staff estimate your playground mulch needs, free of charge in an effort to help keep your playground a safe place to play.



Summer Growing News!

by Yard Works

June 2007

Dear Friend,

WOW- WHAT A SPRING! It has finally passed and I want to thank you for all your business and patience during this extremely busy time of the year. We hope your experience with us was a pleasant one and that if you did experience problems that they were taken care of in a prompt and courteous manner.

This is our tenth quarterly newsletter. Our aim is to keep you informed of what is happening and what is new at YARD WORKS. We are also trying to offer advice and information on our products, services and how they can be used to assist you in your gardening and landscaping. In addition to our newsletter, we invite you to visit us on our web site: www.yardworksonline.com. Here you will find lots of information, including prices, pictures of products, and a calculation chart to help you determine how much product you might need. We have also included information on rental equipment, which will help you determine what equipment will work best for your next outdoor project.

Some New technology has arrived; in April we upgraded and introduced a new automatic phone system, and increased our office staff. This should make placing orders easier, faster and more efficient, whether you are placing an order for product, scheduling rental equipment, or you just need to have a question answered. Please let us know how we are doing!

We are very excited about the launch of Yard Works Rental Division. Response to this new service has been great and we expect continue growth in this new division. We are committed to expanding this division with equipment and personnel to better serve you. Let us know if there are any additional pieces of rental equipment we could carry to make your next project go smoothly.

As always, Thank You for taking the time to check out our free quarterly newsletter and for the opportunity to serve you. Here at Yard Works, we are always striving to improve and grow to be among the leaders in our industry. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future, as you take advantage of our summer coupons, while we help beautify and preserve central Virginia "One Yard At A Time".

Sincerely,

Robert A. Urbine
Chief Operating Officer
Yardworks LLC & Grind-All LLC

The Mission

Yard Works LLC/ Grind-All LLC is committed to serving our customers more efficiently, by treating them as we would personally like to be treated. Providing the Greatest value possible with outstanding service... and uncompromising quality, with commitment to growth and profitability.

Yard Works LLC/Grind-All LLC is committed to being a leader in our industry and is now dedicated to the recycling of wood & organic products for a better tomorrow.

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From the YARD WORKS RENTAL DIVISION!



Why Renting Equipment Makes Sense!



Renting equipment makes sense when... you need to complete a project without adding to your personal possessions, knowing you will only use the piece of equipment once or occasionally. . .when storage space is limited.... when the cost of ownership is high and your budget is stretched.

Renting equipment makes sense when you take advantage of rental equipment's intrinsic benefits. Generally, rental equipment is more powerful, better built and more thoroughly tested than similar products offered for sale by major retailers. Rental equipment is heavy duty-contractor quality, which is designed to do an outstanding job.



Renting equipment makes sense for the "do it yourself" gardener and the contractor by offering independence. It gives the option to accomplish things that were out of reach before the right equipment was available and affordable.

Give Yard Works a call and let us help you with all your lawn, garden, and light construction needs.

A full list of Rental Equipment is available at all yardworks locations and online at www.yardworksonline.com



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There's a Fungus Among Us:

Most mulches are a mixture of shredded bark and wood residues from lumber and paper mills, land-clearing operations, wood waste disposal or recycling facilities.

Like other organic matter, bark and wood decompose over time. The primary organisms involved with their decomposition are bacteria and fungi, which derive their energy for growth from carbon-based compounds found in bark and wood. Most are microscopic, but many develop visible reproductive structures.

The fungi involved in the decomposition of landscape mulches and decomposing wood are natural components of the environment. Some common fungi, such as Slime and Artillery fungi, consume bacteria and other organisms living in the mulch or any decomposing wood.

Many of these fungi are more active in chronically wet areas of wood or mulch and some such as artillery fungus are sensitive to light colored surfaces and tend to aim their spores in their direction. Slime molds may have bright yellow or white spores. These flowering fungi are sometimes referred to as "dog vomit" mold. These fungi are not harmful to landscape plants and no known health hazards are associated with them unless they are eaten.

As the popularity of mulching has grown over recent years, these fungus have come more commonly known. These fungi tend to be less in cypress, cedar, and pine bark mulches versus hardwood mulches. However, research shows these fungi can be found in all decomposing organic mulches or wood. Here are some ways to help control the outbreak of these fungi.

1. *Avoid applying mulch in chronic wet areas, or on the north side of your home where moss might be growing. In these areas, use non-organic mulch such as rock or decorative stone. Yard Works has a wide variety of these available.*
2. *Till your old mulch into your beds. This will enhance the soil, aerate your beds, and break down the layers that have built up over time, making a great growing media. Yard Works rents mini tillers that are easy to use and work great for this.*
3. *Keeping mulch fresh and loosened. Raking or turning mulch over from time to time will help keep mulch loose and fresh looking, increase airflow, and cut down on moisture.*
4. *Re-applying a fresh layer of mulch! Keeping fresh mulch is one of the best ways to avoid fungi. Most fungi tend to show up in the fall when we have cool nights, warm days, and more frequent rains. Mother Nature tends to start the decomposing stage this time of year.*



WAS LINUS'S GREAT PUMPKIN GROWN IN COMPOSTED GROWING MEDIA?

Well, Maybe. The huge pumpkin that was hidden in the pumpkin patch in that famed TV show could have been grown in compost. Pumpkins and all vine type melons love composted organic growing media. The best way to grow pumpkins is to plant your seeds in amended soils that include composted organics. If possible leave a pile of compost near your seeded areas because the vines love to grow on the heaped piles. Vines are able to extract the nutrients from the composted organics as they grow out and onto the piles. This is the time to plant. So, if you use compost or MASTER BLEND soils that you can find at YARDWORKS, don't be surprised if you grow the next "Great Pumpkin" in your garden this year.



VERTICAL COMPOSTING

Vertical Composting is a proven remedy for Trees (large or small) under stress due to drought, disease or compacted soils, etc. This method is a more permanent solution than just deep watering or fertilizer spikes. Augured holes are dug 2ft inside the drip line of a tree about 10ft apart. Augured hole sizes and depth will vary depending on the size of the tree. YARD WORKS has a variety of augers available for rent. These holes are filled with composted organic growing media that will amend and begin to brake down compacted soil around the tree, thus will allow moisture and nutrients to be absorbed by the tree roots. Tree roots will migrate to the augured hole filled with the growing media. This is not a temporary fix but a permanent solution. YARD WORKS has the growing media and a variety of augurs available to help save your favorite tree.