



SPRING WASH-OFF:

Color enriched wood mulch has several benefits for your garden and yard, but spring showers can negate the effect through a process known to the industry as "Spring Wash-Off."

Spring Wash-Off occurs when the color-enriched mulch hasn't had a chance to dry, leaving the color vulnerable to wash-off. This is more prevalent during the spring season due to cooler temperatures and heavy amounts of rain increasing the time needed for the colorant to dry. The mulch is made from a water-based colorant that sticks to the wood fiber and forms a bond, "cured", when the water evaporates. When the colorant is cured, the colorant will not wash off by rain or sprinklers.

Below are some guidelines for installation that will help prevent Spring Wash-Off:

Installation Guidelines

- Cover mulch with tarp until conditions are dry for installation
- Install on a dry day with no rain in the forecast for at least **48 hours** after installation. (Longer if cooler temperatures are persistent)
- Max depth of mulch should not exceed 3 inches

How to deal with "Washed Products"

- Rake surface area to expose inner layer that usually does not wash off.
- Top the mulch bed with a ½ inch layer of fresh material.

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