

## Dry Time Tips

### Tips to drying and working with damp color-enhanced mulch

- Store bulk mulch on grass or bare soil surfaces. If unloading and storing the mulch on concrete or other finished surfaces, place tarps between the surface and mulch to avoid discoloration to the concrete or surface.
- Colored mulch will dry more quickly when spread over an area no more than 6 inches deep in a landscape setting.
- When applying color-enhanced mulch to a landscape setting, avoid exposing the colored mulch to rain or sprinklers for a 24- to 48-hour period.



- Should there be a rain before the mulch is permitted to dry, rake the mulch to maximize surface color intensity.
- Rinse tools immediately to avoid discoloration.
- In the unfortunate event that the colorant adheres to unwanted surfaces, use a high pressure washer to clean surfaces.



# Mulch Maintenance

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# The Beauty of Color

**There's mulch.**  
**And then there's color-enhanced mulch.**  
**Why settle for the ordinary?**

Color-enhanced mulch spices up any landscape, providing bright, vibrant highlights in unexpected places. Pump up your curb appeal and add a touch of excitement to your lawn and garden — color-enhanced mulch is natural, beautiful, and 100 percent safe for people, pets, and the environment.

### Easy application

Colored mulch should be applied at a depth of 2 to 4 inches and should slope away from buildings for proper water runoff. Ideally, colored mulch should be installed on a day when there's no rain in the forecast for at least 24 hours. Use less mulch for heavy clay soils, more for lighter sandy soils.

### Easy maintenance

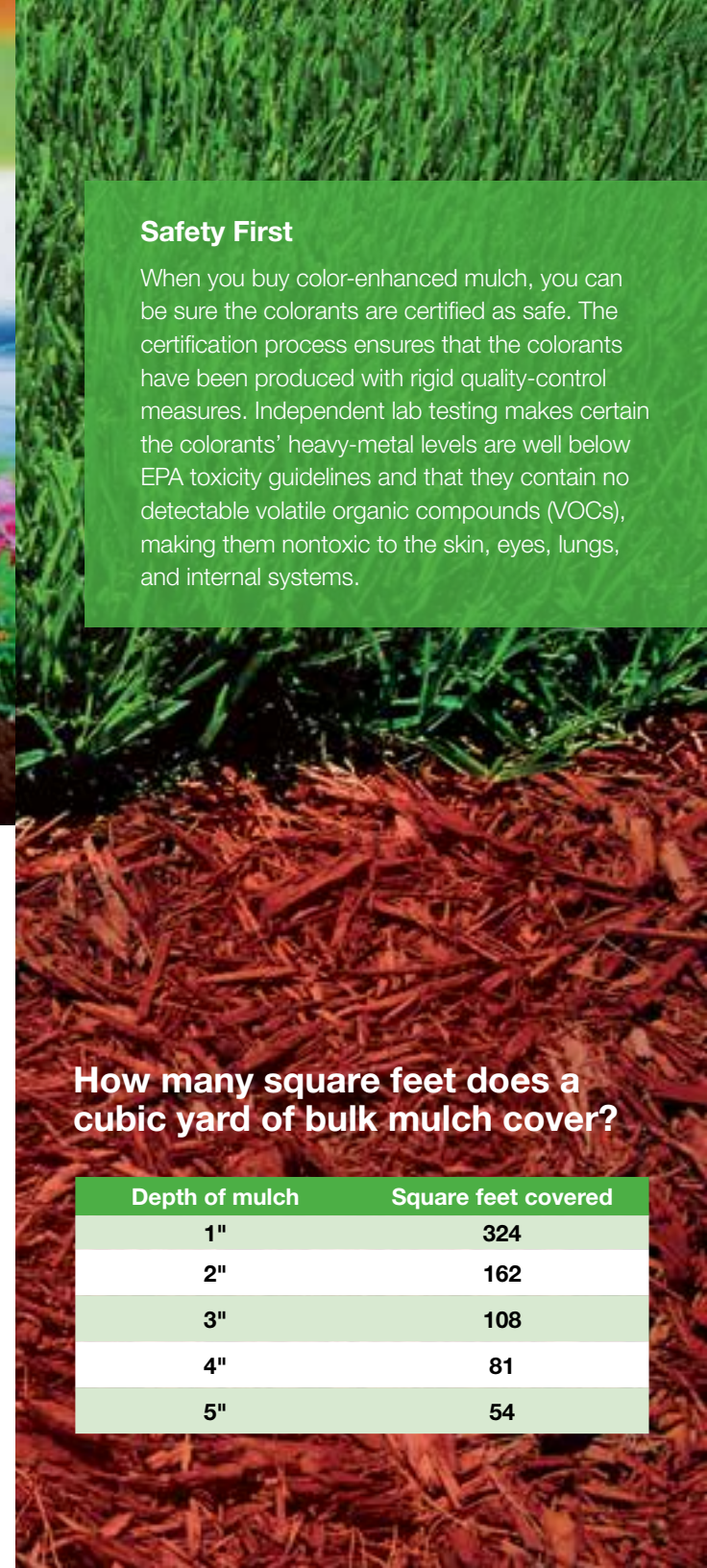
Every four to six months, raking the mulch rejuvenates the bed and provides aeration for plants. A couple of inches of fresh mulch should be applied annually to brighten your landscape for the coming season.

### Facts about color-enhanced mulch

- Colored mulch can be applied around plants and trees to help prevent weed growth and retain moisture.
- Colored mulch will typically maintain its color for one to two seasons, depending on the amount of direct sunlight.
- During the drying process, the colorant bonds completely with the mulch so it won't wash off or leach out. Mulch might still be damp upon purchase and might not dry completely until spread.
- Use a tarp when unloading to protect concrete from damp mulch and do not apply mulch when it is raining.

**Safety First**

When you buy color-enhanced mulch, you can be sure the colorants are certified as safe. The certification process ensures that the colorants have been produced with rigid quality-control measures. Independent lab testing makes certain the colorants' heavy-metal levels are well below EPA toxicity guidelines and that they contain no detectable volatile organic compounds (VOCs), making them nontoxic to the skin, eyes, lungs, and internal systems.



## How many square feet does a cubic yard of bulk mulch cover?

Depth of mulch	Square feet covered
1"	324
2"	162
3"	108
4"	81
5"	54