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Installation and Maintenance Instructions for Playground Mulch

Clean the playground area thoroughly. Remove any old playground mulch, trash, stumps, stones or other obstructions that could cause injury to a child in the event of a fall. Use rakes, shovels and other tools to clean the area.

Outline the perimeter of the playground with suitable landscape edging. This edging will help to keep the mulch in place and limit the amount of mulch spread around by running children, wind and rain. If the edging extends more than one or two inches above the ground, dig a trench and inter the timbers to limit their size; this will help to prevent tripping.

Install landscape fabric under the playground area; hold it in place with sandbags if necessary to prevent it from blowing away before you can install the mulch. This barrier will prevent the growth of grass and weeds in the playground area, and will also make maintenance and replacing the mulch easier.

Add the mulch to the playground area and rake it into place. Install the material so that the uncompacted depth is at least 15" or greater based on potential height of fall. Add more mulch to high traffic areas, such as underneath swings or at the exits to slides to allow for displacement.

Maintain the depth of the mulch by raking mulch back into place over time. Do not allow the mulch to go below the required 12" compacted safety depth, as you will risk serious injury to those playing on the playground.

A NOTE ON SAFETY: We manufacture our playground mix from virgin wood, ensuring that no metal products or harmful materials contaminate our material. To ensure the safest playground area, it is critical that our mix is spread to proper depth recommendations specified by the International Playground Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA) – ATME F1292 [Standard Specification for Impact Attenuation of Surface Systems Under and Around Playgroup Equipment] and ASTM F2075 Sections 4.4 and 4.6 [Standard Specification for Engineered Wood Fiber for Use as a Playground Safety Surface Under and Around Playgroup Equipment]. The depth/amount of mix installed is based on the potential height of a fall.