

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP #41



DID YOU KNOW mulching is another method of reducing stormwater runoff in your yards? Because mulch is porous, it allows rainwater to seep into the ground and forms a firm ground cover, filtering pollutants and holding soil in its place.

Mulching is an erosion control practice that uses materials such as grass, hay, wood chips, wood fibers, straw, or gravel to stabilize exposed or recently planted soil surfaces. In addition to stabilizing soils, mulching can reduce stormwater velocity and improve the infiltration of runoff.

Mulching can also aid plant growth by holding seeds and topsoil in place, preventing birds from eating seeds, retaining moisture, and insulating plant roots against extreme temperatures.

By making small changes at the household level, water quality in the watershed can be greatly improved.

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