



No Fault Rubber Mulch Installation & Maintenance

Properly preparing the play area for installation of rubber mulch will help assure many years of maximum safety with minimum maintenance. Instructions for installation:

- Remove all existing surfacing materials such as sod, wood chips or gravel from the playground area.
- Area should be treated (generously) with an industrial strength weed fabric or sod killer.
- The ground area where the playground surface will lie should either be in location that will not hold water, or have slight grade to allow for proper drainage. In areas where poor drainage could be an issue, it is recommended to install a drain tile system, with a 3" base of pea gravel or rock to allow for proper drainage.
- Heavy-duty weed fabric barrier should be installed under mulch or drainage system to allow the mulch to remain separate from what lies beneath. Depending on the size of the playground, it is recommended to use large rolls of weed fabric barrier (12' width rolls) to minimize the number seams. A good, high quality weed prevention barrier is highly recommended for the long term. Unlike plastic sheeting, a weed fabric (geo-text) barrier will allow rainwater to drain away quickly and provides a barrier between the soil & the rubber or the stone and rubber.
- Use 10" (minimum) landscape stakes to stake down weed fabric seams and corners. Make sure the stakes are completely hammered down.
- A border is recommended to enclose the playground to contain the No Fault Rubber Mulch and drainage system (if applicable). It is recommended to have no more than a few inches between the top of the border and the top of the No Fault Rubber Mulch. For increased safety and a customized look, place the borders at ground level so children will not trip while at play. Wood or plastic borders are acceptable. If you use a wood border, it is recommended that the wood is pressure treated to prevent rotting.
- After preparing the area, rake the rubber mulch into place. It is suggested to use paint or a permanent marker to place lines at critical fall height requirement from the soil on the playground equipment posts to maintain the correct depth of rubber.
- Ongoing maintenance is limited to raking material back into place around high traffic areas. Surfaces should be cleaned (rinsed with water) routinely to prevent the dust build up. Rinsing can occur naturally with rain water or with a garden hose if needed.