

ORGANIC MULCH



Relative Costs	
Installation	Low
Life Cycle	Moderate/High
Maintenance	Moderate
Repair	Low
Effective Longevity	Low
Level of Difficulty	
Installation	Low
Repair	Low
Maintenance	Low
Retrofit	Low

Description: Consists of surface applied, mulched recycled materials such as chipped wood and bark usually placed on geosynthetic fabric (herbicide or non-herbicide treated)

Typical Locations:

- Gore/Median
- Slope/Embankment

Advantages:

- Can be used in most climate conditions
- Uses standard installation/maintenance equipment
- Aesthetic value determined by color and texture
- Applicable for new construction and retrofit
- Allows for storm water infiltration
- Provides erosion control
- Uses recycled materials



Limitations and Common Problems:

- Limited longevity – 2 to 3 years
- Subject to degradation
- May require reapplication
- May not be suitable for slopes greater than 1V:3H without tackifier
- Not suitable in areas subject to fire hazard
- Subject to damage and displacement from errant vehicles, wind, mowers, snow removal equipment