Metallic Silver Mulch Installation Instructions

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The highly reflective nature of Metallic Silver Mulch has many benefits. It illuminates the undersides of the crop canopy, leaving disease-carrying insects little or no refuge in the hot midday sun, disorienting and repelling thrips, aphids, flea beetles, and white flies, among many others. This reflectivity causes the canopy to absorb more light, resulting in up to 20% higher crop yields for certain crops, such as peppers.

Benefits of Metallic Silver Mulch:

- A soil-cooling effect of 6°F or more
- Almost total weed control
- Slows evaporation, reducing fluctuations in soil moisture
- Flexible, durable and stretchable and will conform to both flat and raised beds
- Season-long integrity
- Easily removed from the field after harvest

INSTALLATION:

1. Prepare the soil by cultivating and smoothing the surface so the mulch will lie flat. Make sure the soil is moist.
2. For shorter lengths, cut the Metallic Silver to the desired length and secure in shallow furrows along each side of the row, 3–6 inches deep.
3. Bury the edges of the mulch, making sure it is firmly anchored and has good soil contact. It is easier and more efficient to do this with a person positioned on each side of the row, and as you go along, stretch the mulch tight by foot while filling in the furrow. Plastic should be in close contact with the soil for best weed suppression.

Note: The 600- and 3,000-foot roll sizes may also be installed using a standard tractor-mounted mulch layer. Carefully adjust the layer so that it stretches the mulch slightly. Alternatively, if you do not own a tractor, the mulch may also be installed using the Manual Mulch Layer.

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