Solar Mulch Instruction Manual

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INSTALLATION: Prepare the soil by cultivating and smoothing the surface so the mulch will lie flat. Make sure the soil is moist. No more than a week after cultivation, unfold the Solar Mulch to a single layer and cut to the desired length. Secure the mulch, by making 3–6 inches deep furrows along each side of the row and burying the edge of the mulch, making sure it is firmly anchored and has good soil contact.

Plant into the mulch no later than one week after laying it. To plant large seeds such as corn and beans, we recommend using the Easy-Plant Jab-Type Planter, and planting through the mulch, or make an X-shaped cut with a sharp knife, poke the seeds through to the proper depth, and cover firmly. For smaller seeds, lay a strip of mulch along both sides of the row after the seeds have sprouted and secure the Solar Mulch as described above. For transplants, use a Hatfield Transplanter or similar tool to plant seedlings right through the mulch. Water as usual. For best results use Neptune's Harvest or similar transplant fertilizer to reduce transplant shock and increase vigor.

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