



# FREE MULCH!

## Available to SDUSD Schools

Schools in San Diego Unified School District can receive FREE mulch as part of the District's contract with Republic Services, our waste and recycling hauler.

Minimum order of material is five (5) cubic yards



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Deliveries can be made on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Request deadlines are Mondays by noon. A site contact person with a cell phone must be available to direct where to unload the material. A minimum gate width of ten (10) feet is needed for deliveries.

If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Janet Whited,

Environmental Specialist, at [jwhited@sandi.net](mailto:jwhited@sandi.net)

# Got Mulch?

## Tips for Using Mulch in School Gardens

If you're looking to get free mulch delivered to your site through the District's contract with Republic Services, you might have a few questions:

**What type of mulch is available?** At this time there is only one type of mulch available. This is a "Course" mulch with some particle sizes over two inches or more. The picture on the top of this page (and Page 1) shows the general product available.

**How should mulch be used in and around our garden?** This type of course/larger size mulch is best used on the ground several inches thick to inhibit weeds or used along pathways. Be aware that mulch can "wash away" easily during rains or when watering the garden areas.

**Note:** Mulch is not the same as compost and should not be mixed in with garden soil.

For more information on mulch and the best application uses and methods, please refer to: [http://sonomamg.ucanr.edu/Sonoma\\_Gardener\\_Articles/Mulch--a\\_Gardeners\\_Best\\_Friend/](http://sonomamg.ucanr.edu/Sonoma_Gardener_Articles/Mulch--a_Gardeners_Best_Friend/)

**What's the difference between mulch and compost?** Remember, compost and mulch are NOT the same. Compost is made up of *fully* decomposed plant material and is an asset when added to your soil. It should look and feel more like soil and less like sticks and leaves.