## Mulch

Although compost and mulch does not look glamorous and colorful, it will make your garden grow faster, better and with fewer pest problems. Compost is an important basic for your garden.

First, it is useful in amending, reconditioning, and improving the soil prior to planting. It improves water retention in fast draining soils and improves aeration in slow draining clay soils.

Used as finishing mulch, it retards evaporation, helps prevent weed germination and gives a neat clean look. In both applications it will hold water for the plants, aerate the soil and provide important nourishment for the plants. Because it has been composted there is no bad odor. It also feeds existing worms that produce castings which improve the overall vigor and disease resistance of your plants.

Soil Building Compost is far superior to bark mulch and should be reapplied once or twice a year as topping mulch.

The brand we recommend is Black Forrest which has Humic Acid (Humus), worm castings, composted bat guano and chicken manure. It has been composted so there is no bad odor. It is available in 3 cu foot bags which makes transportation of materials clean and easy.