

Pros & Cons

	Wood Chips	Mulch
Pros	Improves soil structure as it decomposes	It enhances soil fertility as it decomposes
	It provides good insulation from temperature extremes	It comes in a variety of colors and textures
	It can be less expensive than mulch	It helps retain soil moisture
	Longer-lasting than some types of mulch	Suppresses weed growth
	Prevents soil erosion effectively	It can be organic or inorganic, depending on the need
Cons	Can attract termites and other wood pests	Organic mulch needs to be replaced more frequently
	May deplete nitrogen in the soil during decomposition	Can harbor mold and fungi
	Not suitable for all types of plants	Inorganic mulch doesn't improve soil structure
	It can be less aesthetically pleasing than mulch	It can be washed away easily in heavy rains
	It may contain chemicals if made from treated wood	It may retain too much moisture, causing root rot