



Landscaping tips, outdoor-living ideas, must-haves for the season.

Geotextile landscaping fabric: discover how it can be used

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, the success of your landscaping project depends on various factors. One way you can make things easier is by using geotextile fabric. Here's a brief overview of its benefits.

MINIMIZES EROSION

Geotextile fabric is generally made of synthetic materials such as polyethylene. It acts as a barrier between the ground and your plants. It helps retain soil, reducing the impact of wind and water to limit the risk of erosion.

REDUCES THE NEED FOR WEEDING

Are you tired of pricking your fingers on

the thorns of your rose bushes while pulling weeds? Try placing geotextile fabric under wood mulch to block out sunlight and prevent those pesky plants from returning. Your back will thank you!

SUITABLE FOR A WIDE RANGE OF PLANTS

Do you dream of beautiful hydrangeas but have alkaline soil instead of acidic soil? Geotextile fabric can protect plants suited to acidic soil from a naturally higher pH. Sleep soundly, even after planting your rhododendrons, which tend to sulk at the first sign of alkalinity.

How will you use geotextile fabric?

CHOOSING THE CORRECT TYPE OF GEOTEXTILE FABRIC

Woven geotextile fabric will do the trick if you want to stabilize a slope or separate a layer of stones from a layer of sand. Non-woven felt fabric is most effective for drainage purposes. Ask a gardening professional to help you choose a suitable fabric.



Buying a hot tub: avoid these faux pas

Are you dreaming of owning a hot tub? Before you go shopping, be aware of these three common mistakes:

- 1. Miscalculating your budget.** Do you have enough money to buy a hot tub? Don't forget the cost of installation, electricity and maintenance. Carefully evaluate your budget to avoid going into debt.
- 2. Not trying it out.** Imagine getting in your hot tub for the first time and realizing it's

uncomfortable or the water doesn't cover your entire body when you sit down.

- 3. Paying for unnecessary extras.** Having a hot tub with the latest stereo system, for example, can be costly. Why consider flashy extras if you have no intention of using them?

Visit your local hot tub retailers to find one you can enjoy year-round!



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