



Backyard Oasis

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

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.

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?



Rain gardens: stylish and ecological

A rain garden is a bed of stones and plants that captures rainwater, allowing it to slowly seep into the soil through infiltration. Here are some guidelines to follow when planning your own rain garden:

- **Location.** Your rain garden should be located at least three metres away from your home to prevent water from seeping into the foundation. It should also be in an area that receives full sun or part shade. Finally, avoid building your rain garden over any underground infrastructure.

- **Depth.** Your rain garden should be between 10 and 20 centimetres deep. You must take the slope of your

land into account when digging. The steeper the slope, the greater the depth. Additionally, making any necessary adjustments to ensure the garden is level is essential.

- **Retention wall.** Made of excavated soil or fill, this barrier acts like a wall to retain water in the garden. Mulch is recommended to prevent erosion.

- **Plants and stones.** You can cover the bottom of the rain garden with plants and river stones or pebbles. For best results, select native plants with well-developed root systems. Ask a horticultural professional for advice on which species are



A well-designed rain garden should only retain water for one or two days after rainfall. It should remain dry the rest of the time.

best suited to rain gardens.

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