BMP: Mulching MU

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Placement of material such as straw, grass, woodchips, woodfibers or fabricated matting over open area.

#### APPLICATION:

- Any exposed area to remain untouched longer than 14 days and that will be exposed less than 60 days (seed areas to be exposed in excess of 60 days).
- Areas that have been seeded.
- Stockpiled soil material.

Material	Application	Depth	Comments
Gravel: Washed 1/4" to 1-1/2"	9 cy/1000 sf	3 inches	Good for traffic areas Good for short slopes
Straw: Air-dried, free of seeds and coarse material	2-3 bales/1000 sf	2 inches min.	Subject to wind blowing Tack down or keep moist
Wood Fiber Cellulose: Free from growth inhibitors; dyed green	35 lb/1000 sf	1 inch	For critical areas, double application rate; Limit to slopes < 3% and < 150 feet

# INSTALLATION/APPLICATION CRITERIA:

- Roughen area to receive mulch to create depressions that mulch material can settle into.
- Apply mulch to required thickness and anchor as necessary.
- Ensure material used is weed free and does not contain any constituents that will inhibit plant growth.

# LIMITATIONS:

- Anchoring may be required to prevent migration of mulch material.
- Downgradient control may be required to prevent mulch material being transported to storm water system.

## MAINTENANCE:

- Inspect mulched areas after every rainfall event and at a minimum of monthly.
- Replace mulch on any bare areas and reanchor as necessary.
- Clean and replace downgradient controls as necessary.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- Housekeeping Practices
- □ Contain Waste
- □ Minimize Disturbed Areas
- ☑ Protect Slopes/Channels
- □ Control Site Perimeter
- □ Control Internal Erosion



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#### **TARGETED POLLUTANTS**

- Sediment
- ☑ Nutrients
- □ Toxic Materials
- □ Oil & Grease
- □ Floatable Materials
- □ Other Waste
- High Impact
- ☐ Low or Unknown Impact

### **IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

- □ Capital Costs
- O&M Costs
- ☑ Maintenance
- □ Training
- High 🛛 Medium 🗆 Low

