

# Black Mulch Yardage & Plant Guide

Calculate your materials and style high-contrast curb appeal.

Transform your front yard with a crisp, dark foundation bed. Use this guide to calculate your exact mulch yardage and select striking companion plants.

## ● Key Installation Specs

### 6 inches

bare siding gap prevents termites

### 4 inches

V-trench edge along concrete boundaries

### 3 inches

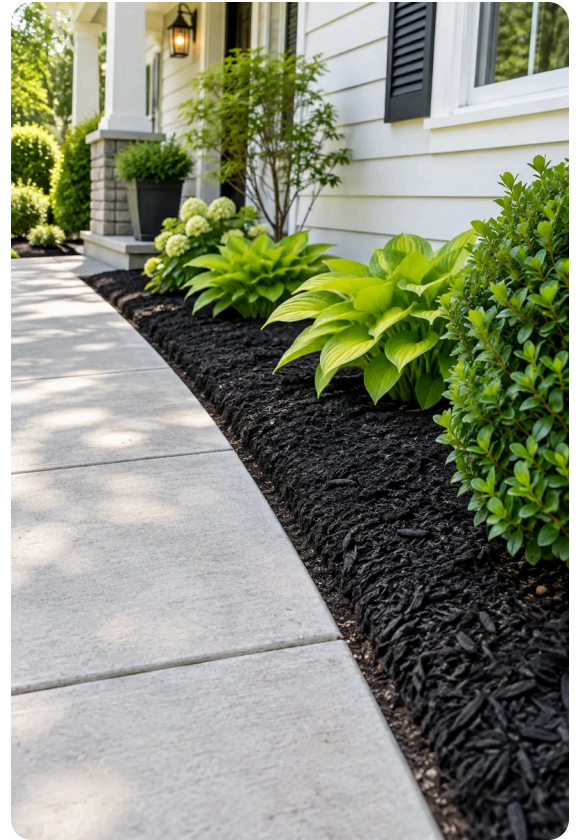
even depth to suppress weeds

### 48 hours

rain-free cure to bond dye

### 3 feet

minimum downspout discharge beyond bed



### Prevent Concrete Stains

*Sweep stray pieces immediately and place bags on a heavy tarp. Keep a stiff-bristled push broom nearby to brush away accidental pigment spills before they settle.*

## ● Your Yardage Calculator

- 1 Find Square Footage** Measure your garden bed and multiply the total length by the width.
- 2 Calculate Cubic Feet** Multiply your total square footage by 0.25 to find the required volume.
- 3 Convert to Yards** Divide the total cubic feet by 27 to calculate the exact yardage.
- 4 Add Safety Net** Order five percent more bulk material to easily fill unexpected low spots.

## ● Choose Your Edging Tool

Find your row: **Your soil type**

| Your soil type      | Your pick        | Why                             |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Soft, loamy dirt    | Half-Moon Edger  | Requires low physical effort    |
| Average garden soil | Flat Spade       | Requires medium physical effort |
| Heavy, rocky clay   | Trenching Shovel | Requires high physical effort   |
| Large properties    | Gas Bed Edger    | Adjustable with very low effort |

## ● Pre-Installation Checks

- Verify ground drops one inch per foot away from exterior walls.
- Observe the yard during a storm to identify hidden drainage issues.
- Install a permeable fabric base, never suffocating solid plastic sheeting.
- Pull ground cover away from woody bases of established plant trunks.
- Sharpen edging blades with a mill file to prevent tearing roots.

## ● High-Contrast Plant Pairings

- ☐ Sweet potato vines for vivid green foliage
- ☐ Bright chartreuse hostas to pop against dark mulch
- ☐ Lime coral bells for sophisticated modern contrast
- ☐ Golden creeping jenny for striking ground cover
- ☐ Premium shredded cedar for natural insect repelling

## ● Measurements & Shopping List

Enjoy your flawless, professionally designed front yard transformation!