

Hardscaping List

Material Type	Material Characteristics				
Permeable Pavement <i>Naturally filters waters, lowers flash flood risk and avoids need of swales and retention ponds, reduces subsidence, lowers temperatures</i>	Porous Asphalt	Little aesthetic difference between porous and nonporous asphalt	Long lifespan, but not as long as nonporous asphalt	Requires experienced contractors to be installed correctly	
	Permeable Concrete	Long lifespan	Well suited for low-mid traffic areas	Certain soil requirements for best effect	
	Resin Bound Surfacing	Non-slip	Ice and frost resistant	Low maintenance	Long lifespan
Organic Mulch <i>Suppresses weeds, retains moisture and nutrients</i>	Cypress	Maintains the soil's natural pH as it decomposes	Excellent pest deterrent		
	Pecan Shells	Cools soil in the summer	Decomposes slowly		
	Dry Grass Clippings	Good source of nitrogen and humus	Can sprout in the mulched area		
Inorganic Mulch <i>Aesthetically pleasing, low maintenance</i>	Rock / Gravel	Can suppress weeds when used with landscape fabric	Does not retain moisture or nutrients	Can absorb heat from the sun so should be used with plants that tolerate hot and dry environments	
	Landscape Fabric	Suppresses weeds	Allows nutrients and moisture to infiltrate soil	Poor quality landscape fabric can tear or rip easily	

This list of examples is not exhaustive. Consider consulting with a landscaping professional or doing additional research to find the best solution for your home or business.

- *Green cells identify positive traits
- *Yellow cells identify traits that require some additional consideration
- *Red cells identify less desirable traits