

## Save Water with the Mulch Mountain Give Away

The City of Graham has a mountain of mulch at the Convenience Station on Avenue F, between Ohio and Colorado, it is giving away to residents and non-residents.

According to By [Steven A. Frowine](#) and [The National Gardening Association](#) from [Gardening Basics For Dummies](#) there are many beneficial uses for mulch, including:

- Inhibits weed germination and growth. (Weeds are not only unsightly, but they also steal resources from desirable garden plants!)
- Holds in soil moisture, protecting your plants from drying out quickly
- Moderates soil-temperature fluctuations (This benefit is especially valuable during that turbulent-weather period in spring when you don't want your plants to be stressed.)
- In cold-winter, protects plant roots from winter cold and helps prevent *frost-heaving*, in which plants are literally pushed out of the ground by the natural expansion and contraction of the soil as it cools off and heats up
- In hot-summer, helps keep plant roots cooler
- Can add a bit of welcome nutrition to your garden as it breaks down

With our drought conditions and current watering restrictions, reducing the amount of water in gardens is important for all citizens in the area.

Residents and non-residents can pick up mulch M-F between 10 am – 5 pm from the Convenience Station.

Residents can have a load of mulch (up to 14 cubic yards) dropped at their home or business by calling and scheduling a delivery with the convenience station manager, Joel Williams at 940-521-1398.

Williams has worked with the Street Department to reserve a truck for Wednesdays to make mulch deliveries starting next week.

Recycling trees and limbs from our area to form mulch to be used to conserve water is one way that the residents of Graham are doing their part to help us all get through this drought.