

Weed-Barrier Fabric

This durable woven fabric is ideal for under walkways or around plantings to prevent erosion and weed growth. It won't rot, mildew or break down from use of fertilizers and will last indefinitely if protected from the sun with a top dressing of mulch or soil. It will trap warmth and let air, water and nutrients pass through, but it will block out all light to prevent weed growth.

One side of the weed-barrier fabric is fuzzier than the other. The fabric should be installed fuzzier side down, as this will help wick the water into the soil and prevent surface run-off.

Before installing the weed-barrier fabric, till the soil, remove any weeds, and add soil amendments as needed. Use scissors or a knife to cut the fabric to size. Cut cross-slits (X) into the fabric just large enough to accept the seedlings or plants, then tuck the free ends under. Plant seedlings through the hole and water them thoroughly. Use fabric pins, golf tees or soil to keep the edges of the fabric in place.

Inspect your planted beds on a regular basis. Pull out any weeds that emerge through the planting hole before they become well established, and enlarge the holes as needed to prevent damage to the plant.