

# LIGHTWEIGHT CONTENDERS

Stone and bark that just don't match up

Avoid using the following:

## STONE

**ROTTEN GRANITE** - Has many tiny granules and smaller stones in it. Rotten granite is prone to crumble over the years and creates a soil-like mixture. Even when weed barrier fabric is used, weeds and grass will root on top of the weed barrier fabric and create many problems. If rotten granite is chosen, it should be sized 1/2" clear or greater to eliminate tiny granules and smaller stones.

**CORAL** - Much like rotten granite, coral will crumble over time; however, coral is the better of the two.

**PEA GRAVEL/STONE** - Pea gravel is very small and can easily be moved onto the lawn or other areas where it is not desired.

**LAVA ROCK** - Stone is very light and will end up on the lawn.

How many active volcanoes do we have in this area?

**BARKSTONE** - Same reason as lava rock.

**MARBLE** - Or any other all white stone. After time stone becomes stained and discolored from leaves and other debris. Have actually heard of some people who have taken their white stones out of their planting beds, bleached the stones & then returned them to the planting areas.

## BARK

**CHIPS** - Very light. Wind will carry the bark all over your yard.

**SOFT WOODS** - Will decompose extremely fast.

**CITY BARK** - Lots of weed seeds in the mix. Your neighbors going to enjoy this one.

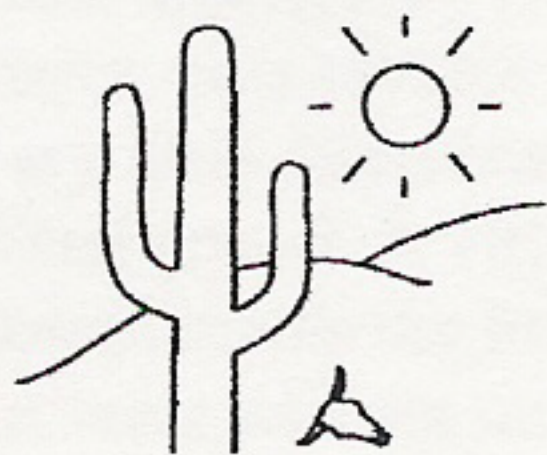
## SUMMARY

In most cases the most cost effective mulch or top dressing is going to be stone. Aesthetically it is also cleaner looking than bark. Exceptions to the rule would be the following: Landscaping around a log home. Landscaping in or around a wooded area. Landscaping vast areas of perennial gardens where flowers are spaced very close together. If bark mulch is used shredded hardwood, shredded cedar or shredded cypress are the most cost effective, longest lasting and lowest maintenance. Another good organic mulch is cocoa bean hulls.

Desertscape prefers to use stone in the majority of the projects because it is a savings to you the customer. By paying attention to all of the details Desertscape is able to give you the lowest maintenance, longest lasting landscape possible. If you are interested in seeing what quality decorative stone is available please give us a call.

We have over 20 different types of decorative stone for you to choose from and would be happy to come to your home and show you the possibilities.

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