## MiniHemp® for Garden Mulch

Hemp hurd is a popular garden bedding material, as it absorbs up to 4 to 5 times of its own weight in moisture and retains it longer than other mulching materials. As the surface of the mulch remains relatively dry, it prevents against weed growth, evaporative water loss and protects against frost damage. The superior insulating properties of hemp protects the soil in the hot summer and cold winter periods.

As a fully biodegradable material, hemp mulch returns to the soil as a natural source, adding humus to the soil. This process influences the bulk density of soil and contributes to moisture and nutrient retention. The pH neutral characteristics of hemp creates a soil-rich base for future crops. Earthworms are drawn to the microorganisms and biota properties of hemp mulch, while predators such as snails and slugs will shy away.

## MiniHemp® is used as the primary surface application for:



- Home ornamentals, indoor and outdoor pot plants, vegetable beddings and garden beds
- Fruit trees and vines
- Container mulching (i.e., large shrubs)
- Composts as a compost helper and cover allowing the effective separation of wet materials to discourage anaerobic conditions



## Features and Benefits of MiniHemp®

- Feels soft on the hands when handling and is very user-friendly
- Compressed material is easy to tease-out and separate for use
- Material is not prone to "caking" or creating an impervious crust skin on the garden bed surface
- Less prone to being blown away by the wind once it has been laid.
- Prevents against weed growth, evaporative water loss and protects against frost damage
- Protects the soil in hot summer and cold winter periods
- The mulch should last around 12 24 months in your garden, depending on the thickness of bedding and weather conditions
- Discourages snails and slugs due to its "terrain"

 $\label{lem:minimum} \mbox{MiniHemp} \mbox{\@sc{@}} \mbox{ can be used all year round in spring, summer, winter or autumn as a garden mulch to replace traditional wood-based mulches.}$ 



To use as a garden mulch:

- Spread MiniHemp® about 5cm deep over the garden area to keep plants moist and reduce weed growth.
- Water as required.
- You can blend MiniHemp® with other top mulches to change the appearance of your garden.

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