Yard Program Landscaping Materials Guide

The Residential Yard Sampling and Replacement Program (Yard Program) gets landscaping materials from licensed regional suppliers. We provide several decorative landscaping options for restoring your yard. This guide shows the types of materials you can choose for your yard. Please note the materials are subject to change and may vary slightly in appearance when installed.



Arborist Chips

Chips recycled from a mixture of tree species. Arborist chips include all parts of the tree (bark, branches, leaves, berries, blooms, etc).



Nugget Bark

Nugget bark is chunky and can be used as a decorative topcoat, placed over weed-barrier or other bark.

Chips, Barks, and Mulches



Medium Beauty Bark

The most commonly used bark. The bark is approximately 1 1/2 inches or less in size. Color may vary.



Black Mulch Aged northwest fir bark is a consistently dark color. The mulch is screened and processed about 5/8 inch or less in size.

Crushed Gravel and Rock



3/4 Inch Driveway Gravel

Crushed to a size of 3/4 inches or less, driveway gravel contains the fines from the crushing process. This fine material will help the rock to pack in and stay in place while driving or parking on it.



Crushed Base Course Gravel

Crushed to a size of 1 1/4 inches or less, base course has the fine material for compaction which means it will compact down, but not as tightly as the driveway gravel. Crushed base course is good in areas with soft soil or for parking areas for heavier vehicles which tend to move and break down smaller-sized driveway gravel.



1 1/4-Inch Clean Crushed Rock

Crushed to a size from 3/4 inches to 1 1/4 inches and washed to remove fine material, this "clean" crushed rock will stay in place better than rounded rock. But clean crushed rock will not compact like crushed rock with fine material.

Crushed Gravel and Rock



3/4-Inch Clean Basalt

Crushed to a size of 3/4 inches to 3/8 inches, this washed rock provides good drainage and will not tightly compact. Dark gray to black in color, sometimes with reds, this rock can be used for parking or pathways, but may move more than driveway gravel.



3/4-Inch Clean Landscape Gravel Like the basalt, this rock is crushed to a size of 3/4 inches to 3/8 inches, and will not tightly compact. This washed rock can range from dark-purplish blue to light grey-blue in color and can be used for parking and pathways, but may move more than driveway gravel



Red Lava Rock

Red lava rock is a decorative rock available in 3/8-inch, or 1/2-inch to 1-inch sizes. Red lava rock is often used in place of bark or mulch because it is more durable and does not break down as fast.

Aggregate or Rounded Gravel and Rock



Large River Gravel

Also known as cobbles, large river gravel ranges in size from 1 1/4 inches to 8 inches. Grey to brown in color, large river gravel is not washed and contains some fine material. Large river gravel is commonly used in landscape areas.



River Gravel

1 1/2-inch river gravel is grey to brown in color. It drains well but will not stay in place, therefore it is not recommended for driveways or pathways. Large river gravel is great for drainage areas.



Pea Gravel

Pea gravel is light grey and when wet shows more color. This small round washed gravel drains well, but will not stay in place. Pea gravel is not recommended for driveways or walkways. To request an ADA accommodation, contact Ecology by phone at 360-407-6790 or visit https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility.

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