

# Textraw®

“Beauty That Lasts”

Textraw is a patented, premium synthetic ground cover that offers multiple advantages over other natural and synthetic covers on the market today. These advantages are evident in the areas of **Value, Appearance, Plant Health, Human Health, and Environmental Responsibility.**

## Environmental Responsibility

- Textraw is made with recycled polypropylene, and designed to photo decay into natural elements that return responsibly back to the environment. It is one of the few truly recycled products. Textraw is not recycled into another product that has to be put in a land fill at the end of the product life.
- By photo decaying, rather than biodegrading, the possibility of unwanted elements leaching into the soil is prohibited.
- Textraw does not leach rubber related toxins into the environment like rubber mulches. *(See Human Health Information)*
- Textraw usage eliminates the opportunity for arsenic to enter the soil, present with some wood mulches. *(See Human Health Information)*
- Textraw usage reduces the presence of a mold, mildew, and fungi breeding environment that fosters the growth of microbes that attack indigenous plants.
- Textraw usage is a responsible alternative to wood mulches which are often attained by harvesting living trees.
- Cypress trees are being harvested at the rate of 30 million board feet per year. The amount of Cypress killed by natural processes is only 21 million board feet per year. *(Mulch and Soil Council, November 2006)*
- Cypress mulch, questioningly believed by some to discourage insect and termite infestation, presents a substantial commercial pressure for harvesting. Textraw, which undoubtedly removes the environment for insect and termite infestation, is a responsible ecological alternative to Cypress deforestation.

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- The U.S. Forest Service plan for 2007 called for allowing logging of our national forests at a level of 250 million board feet. *(Sierra Club, 2007)* Figures detailing the level of logging going directly to mulch are not available, but considering the very large commercial mulch industry, harvesting pressure for mulch must be significant. Textraw is a responsible alternative.
- In 2002, 200 concerned scientists from every American state sent a letter to President Bush calling for a commitment to protect our forests from commercial logging. The scientists cited the need for clean water, a growing concern, recreational opportunities, and wildlife habitat security benefits as important to our national interest. *(The text of the letter, and a list of all signees can be accessed through the Sierra Club web site)*
- According to the scientists, 3,000 species of fish and wildlife, as well as 10,000 plant species rely on our national forest for a healthy, undamaged ecosystem. *(The text of the letter, and a list of all signees can be accessed through the Sierra Club web site)*
- According to the scientists, almost all old growth forest is gone. *(The text of the letter, and a list of all signees can be accessed through the Sierra Club web site)*
- According to the scientists, 4 billion dollars is accrued from logging national forest, while 224 billion dollars is reaped from fish, wildlife, recreation, and clean water. *(The text of the letter, and a list of all signees can be accessed through the Sierra Club web site)*
- Deforestation is also an international issue. Brazil lost 150,000 kilometers of rain forest from 2000 to 2006. Since 1970, Brazil has lost 232,000 square miles of rain forest. *(National Institute of Space Research)*
- Textraw is a true recycled product that offers a responsible alternative to rubber synthetics and forest harvesting. Textraw, at the end of the product life, will not be land filled.

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