

# Make a mulch pile in your garden

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Having mulch in your garden really helps wildlife; it provides cover for small animals and is a handy, ready-made breeding site for stag beetles and other insects.

You can either buy mulch from your local garden centre or make it yourself using a mixture of organic



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residues such as wood chippings, shredded bark, grass clippings, sawdust and hay.

## How to create mulch:

1. Start by choosing a good spot. Around some trees and / or plants is best. Avoid adding mulch on top of new growth.
2. Rake the ground beforehand to encourage existing organic materials to break down into the soil.
3. Use a watering can to water the ground, making it nice and moist.
4. Spread your organic materials in a 5-10cm thick

**Mulch is an ideal habitat for female stag beetles to lay their eggs**

**Snails eat dead organic matter as well as living vegetation. As decomposers, they break down organic matter, which releases nutrients to enrich the soil**



5. Feel happy that you've just created a new habitat for wildlife in your garden.

