WEED MAT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

The unique construction of the black polyethylene VisPore weed mats allows rainfall and moisture to flow through micro-funnel holes (over 400 per square inch) while blocking sunlight and preventing weed growth. During periods of little rain, the mats trap moisture and protect it from evaporation. VisPore weed mats provide approximately 3 years of continuous weed control.

Tools/Materials Required: Weed mats; staples; hammer or maul to pound stakes; shovel or rake to clear debris & vegetation.





1. The site around each tree where the weed mat is to be installed should be cleared of loose debris and unwanted vegetation.



2. With the <u>shiny side of the fabric up</u>, carefully slide the top of the tree through the slit cut in the center of the mat.

Then lower the mat to the ground. Place the first staple through the mat close to the tree. This will help center the weed mat.

Spread the weed mat out while ensuring it is as flat to the ground as possible.



3. Stretch the weed mat taut at each corner and place a staple in each corner.

Fold the corners over to double the thickness of the mat for the staples to go through.

Push the staple through the weed mat, at an angle away from the tree, slightly squeezing the staple ends together while inserting firmly into the ground. The resulting tension aids in anchoring the staples.

Staples must go into mineral soil, not duff or other loose ground cover in order to hold most effectively.

On sites that have extensive ground debris, a combination of staples, rocks and sticks may be used to anchor the mat.



Weed mat installation complete.