## **How to Install Stone in Your Landscape**



Stone will reduce water evaporation from soil, help control weed growth and beautify your landscape. Stone is a natural product of nature, long lasting, and easy to maintain if installed properly.

Step 1: Prepare the Area

Remove all unwanted vegetation and debris from the area where stone will be installed. Level soil at least 2" below the finished grade. Level out all the high or low spots as this could make a difference in how much stone you use.

Step 2: Install Edging

Use larger stones, pavers, concrete edging or plastic edging to contain your stone. Be sure to make the right choice for your particular application and easy maintenance.

Step 4: Install Weed Barrier

Weed Barrier will control weed growth, lets air, water and fertilizers pass through to plants, keeps rock from sinking into soil and offers low maintenance gardening. Weed Barrier should be installed flat with all folds either cut or pinned down to prevent them from working their way to the rock surface. Weed Barrier should be overlapped a minimum 2" so as not to separate when the stone is installed.

Step 5: Spread the Stone

Spread the stone with a heavy-duty garden rake uniformly over the weed barrier making sure not to cut or pull up the weed barrier as you go. Start spreading the stone at the furthest point from the stockpile so you will not have to travel over the newly installed rock. Use the rake to work dust or fines to the bottom of the stones layer. After completely spreading the stone use a garden hose to wash all the remaining dust and fines to the bottom of the stone and expose the true color.

Add Stepping Stones or Flagstone

If you wish to install Stepping Stones or Flagstone with the stone as your filler follow Steps 1-4 above then set your Stepping Stones or Flagstone pieces in place. If Stepping Stones or Flagstones are thicker than 2" cut an X in the weed barrier and remove some of the soil then put them in place. Stone can be used to adjust the height under the Stepping Stones or Flagstone. Spread stone in and around Stepping Stones or Flagstone to create a smooth and level walking surface.

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