# **IMPORTANT, RETAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE: READ CAREFULLY**

## TOOLS:

- Utility knife or scissors
- Rake
- Organic Mulch
- Measuring tape
- Anchor Pins

## **GROUND PREPARATION FOR LANDSCAPE FABRIC**

- Remove all weeds and unwanted shrubs. Effective weed control when the landscape is being established will result in less maintenance later on. It is always essential to remove twigs, rocks, nails, etc., as these could rip the fabric.
- In some circumstances, such as when using landscape fabric with hedges, it will be necessary to dig 5 to 7.62 cm (2-3 in) deep trenches around the perimeter of the area you are mulching.
- Rake the area to get an even surface. Once you've added the soil treatment or compost, break up all clods using a rake to smooth the soil surface, leaving no rough bumps, steep cliffs or valleys. Mulch will slide off the landscape fabric if it is too steep.

## LANDSCAPE FABRIC INSTALLATION

\*For landscaping application, galvanized, lead free and heavy metal free fixing nails should be used.\*

**1.** Unroll the fabric length wise on the gardening bed starting at one edge and working across first. Ensure it covers the area as planned, and adjust if necessary.

2. Cut your landscape fabric so it's 15.24 to 20.32 cm (6-8 in) longer and wider than the bed measurement

Note: When using two or more lengths of landscape fabric adjacent to each other, be sure to overlap the pieces by 30.48 cm (12 in) to prevent weeds from poking through the seams.

**3.** Cut slits in the landscape fabric to accommodate existing plants in the area. Position the slit around the stem of the plant. Cut the fabric using a sharp utility knife or scissors so that it fits the area.

4. Smooth the fabric over the soil to prevent bunching or lumps. Secure landscape fabric to the ground using anchor pins.
5. When adding new plants to the garden, cut an X into the fabric in the desired location for new plants. Dig a hole under the opening and position the plant. Cover the roots with soil, and then reposition the landscape fabric over the soil.

**6.** Cover the landscape fabric with a minimum of 7.62 cm (3 in) layer of organic mulch to protect it from the sun. Place the mulch around the plants without piling it against the stems. Once the mulch has been laid down, it is recommended that it be raked in order to avoid any clumping, and to evenly distribute the mulch across the fabric.

## INSTALLING LANDSCAPE FABRIC UNDER PATIOS, SIDEWALKS & DECKS

Golden Select<sup>™</sup> landscape fabric can be installed under patios, sidewalks and decks.

**1.** Remove the rocks, stones, and sharp twigs. Clear the ground of all unwanted plants, grasses, and weeds in the area. Ensure the soil is completely free of all seeds and roots.

**2.** Dig 5 to 7.62 cm (2-3 in) deep trench around the perimeter of the area you are using. Place the removed soil outside of the bed.

**3.** Lay the fabric immediately after clearing the soil, and secure with anchor pins.

4. Cover the fabric with stone, gravel, bricks, or blocks as desired.

#### CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Once the landscape fabric is in place, it requires minimal maintenance. In the event that a weed appears above the landscaping fabric, ensure that it is removed so that it does not tear the fabric.

### WARRANTY

Golden Select <sup>™</sup> landscape fabric is covered by a 20-year warranty. This warranty does not extend to additional costs incurred with the use or application of this product, such as labour for installation, other materials or expenses, etc.

#### The following conditions apply to the warranty and may void the warranty if not followed correctly:

- The landscaping fabric must be installed according to the instructions provided by the manufacturer.
- If filing a warranty claim, it must be submitted within 30 days of the discovery of a manufacturer's defect.
- Proof of purchase, such as a bill of sale is mandatory when requesting warranty service.
- The manufacturer reserves the right to designate a representative to inspect the landscaping fabric in question and remove samples for analysis.
- The warranty applies only to the original purchaser and is non-transferable.
- The warranty only covers landscaping fabric applied appropriately in a residential environment.
- Golden Select<sup>™</sup> Landscaping Fabric will only prevent weeds from growing underneath where the fabric has been installed.

#### WARRANTY EXCLUSIONS

No landscaping fabric is totally effective against quack grass, bindweed, or other plants propagated by rhizomes. These types of weeds are not covered by the warranty. The warranty also does not cover:

- Product that was improperly installed or cared for.
- Drainage defects or deficiency on the sub-base and/or its surrounding area.
- Force majeures or acts of god.

#### DISCLAIMER:

Golden Select<sup>™</sup> offers no other warranty, expressed or implied. This warranty replaces all other warranties.

For assistance with installation please call 08000514248 for the U.K., or 0-800-907-420 for France (English, Spanish and French) Monday to Friday between 9 am and 5 pm Eastern Standard Time or e-mail <u>techsupport@goldenselect.ca</u>, or visit <u>www.goldenselect.ca</u>. For questions about warranty, please contact our Customer Service Department at <u>warranty@goldenselect.ca</u>