



Founded in 1972, the Mulch & Soil Council (MSC) is the national non-profit trade association for all producers of horticultural mulches, consumer potting soils and commercial growing media.

The mission of the MSC is to define quality products and promote an open marketplace for producers of horticultural mulches, consumer soils and commercial growing media.

MSC truly is your resource for answers to problems facing today's mulch and soil industry. *We provide members with:*

- *PRODUCT STANDARDS*
- *PRODUCT CERTIFICATION*
- *REGULATORY REPRESENTATION*
- *ANNUAL MEETING*
- *ON-LINE TRAINING COURSES*
- *INDUSTRY INFORMATION*
- *SPECIAL REPORTS*
- *ACCESS TO INDUSTRY RESEARCH*

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MULCH & SOIL COUNCIL



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Members of MSC have the advantage of being on top of industry issues and legislative information. Join MSC and take advantage of all the Council has to offer!

PRODUCT STANDARDS: MSC develops industry consensus on product guidelines and promotes these guidelines to retail buyers, specifiers, news media and consumers of mulch and soil products.

PRODUCT CERTIFICATION: To assist retailers, regulators and consumers in determining what products conform to industry guidelines, MSC conducts label review, laboratory testing and periodic field inspection to certify compliance with industry standards.

REGULATORY REPRESENTATION: MSC works to create or change laws that assure our industry's right to do business without unfair regulatory burden. MSC's history of effective industry representation has made it the leading advisor to federal and state governments on mulch and soil products.

ANNUAL MEETING: MSC sponsors an annual meeting offering owners and key company managers education on important regulatory and business issues for the industry.



ON-LINE TRAINING COURSES: The Council sponsors training programs on weights & measures issues, product labeling, QC methods, and best management practices for bagged and bulk production facilities managers.

INDUSTRY INFORMATION: The quarterly Council Newsletter conveys information on statistical trends, government regulations, product standards, Council activities, safety information, and a variety of other topics.

SPECIAL REPORTS: We can't control when emergencies happen, but we can react to situations that demand immediate attention. MSC issues special industry reports saving members time and money responding to key issues.

ACCESS TO INDUSTRY RESEARCH: The Council produces research data to protect the industry from misleading news stories and inappropriate regulatory action.

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND ANNUAL DUES SCHEDULE

(All membership applications must be submitted for the highest category for which the company is qualified in accordance with the descriptions provided below.)

REGULAR MEMBER:

Qualification: Sole proprietorships, partnerships corporations or other entities actively engaged directly or indirectly in the processing of bark and/or soil products are eligible for voting membership. Included in such voting membership shall be all entities controlled, directly or indirectly, by the applicant; provided that sales volumes of such controlled entities are taken into account by the Board of Directors in the calculation of the membership dues of the voting member.

Dues: Regular Member dues shall be based on annual sales revenues for mulch and soil products as follows:

Category	Sales Range (in \$ Millions)	Dues
A	>2M	\$500
B	2M - 5M	\$1,000
C	6M- 15M	\$2,000
D	16M- 25M	\$4,000
E	26M-50M	\$8,000
F	51M-150M	\$13,000
G	>150M	\$22,500

Benefits: Regular Members shall receive the following membership benefits:

- A. Voting rights for all matters requiring member approval and election of MSC directors.*
- B. The right to hold Board and committee seats.
- C. Receipt of one copy of all newsletters, publications and reports to the member company office and every production plant owned by the member company.
- D. Member rate discounts for all MSC sponsored meetings and training programs.
- E. Member discount for all product certification.
- F. Consultations and referrals from the Council office on regulatory, compliance and business matters.
- G. Free listing in the MSC membership directory and Product Referral Index.

AFFILIATE MEMBER:

Qualification: Sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations or other entities actively engaged in supplying products to bark and/or soil producers are eligible for affiliate membership. Included in such Affiliate Membership shall be all entities controlled, directly or indirectly, by the applicant.

Dues: Affiliate Member dues shall be \$2,500 per year.

Benefits: Affiliate Members shall receive the following membership benefits:

- A. Voting rights for all matters requiring member approval and election of MSC directors.*
- B. The right to hold Board and committee seats.
- C. Receipt of one copy of all newsletters, publications and reports to the member company office and every production plant owned by the member company.
- D. Member rate discounts for all MSC sponsored meetings and training programs.
- E. Consultations and referrals from the Council office on regulatory, compliance and business matters.
- F. Free listing in the MSC membership directory.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER:

Qualification: Sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations or other entities engaged in providing a service to bark and/or soil producers are eligible for Associate Membership. Included in such Associate Membership shall be all entities controlled, directly or indirectly by the applicant.

Dues: Associate Member dues shall be \$1,500 per year.

Benefits: Associate Members shall receive the following membership benefits:

- A. Voting rights for all matters requiring member approval and election of MSC directors.*
- B. The right to hold Board and committee seats.
- C. Receipt of one copy of all newsletters, publications and reports to the member company office and every additional office owned and operated by the member company.
- D. Member rate discounts for all MSC sponsored meetings and training programs.
- E. Member discount for all product certification, including private label products.
- F. Consultations and referrals from the Council office on regulatory, compliance and business matters.
- G. Free listing in the MSC membership directory.

FOREIGN MEMBER:

Qualification: Sole proprietorships, partnerships or corporations actively engaged directly or indirectly in the processing of bark and/or soil products but not selling in any U.S. markets are eligible for foreign membership.

Dues: Foreign Member dues shall be \$1,000 per year.

Benefits: Foreign Members shall receive the following membership benefits:

- A. Voting rights for all matters requiring member approval and election of MSC directors.*
- B. The right to hold Board and committee seats.
- C. Receipt of one copy of all newsletters, publications and reports to the member company office.
- D. Member rate discounts for all MSC sponsored meetings and training programs.
- E. Consultations and referrals from the Council office on regulatory, compliance and business matters.
- F. Free listing in the MSC membership directory.

NON-PROFIT MEMBER:

Qualification: Municipalities, State Agencies, Federal Agencies, Universities, and associations organized under Section 501(c) of the U.S. Code interested in information exchange with bark and/or soil producers are eligible for Non-profit/Institutional Membership.

Dues: Non-Profit Member dues shall be \$300 per year.

Benefits: Non-Profit Members shall receive the following membership benefits:

- A. Receipt of one copy of all newsletters, publications and reports to the member company office.
- B. Member rate discounts for all MSC sponsored meetings and training programs.
- C. Consultations and referrals from the Council office on regulatory, compliance and business matters.
- D. Free listing in the MSC membership directory.

* Controlled entities included in the voting membership of a controlling entity shall not be entitled to a separate representative or a separate vote.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Company: _____
 Representative: _____
 Title: _____
 Main Office Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal/Zipcode: _____
 Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____
 E-mail: _____ Web Site: _____

*Please list location of additional plants in space provided below.

Membership Categories: All membership applications must be submitted for the highest category for which the company is qualified.

Regular Membership (Check Category Below)

Category	Sales Revenues (in \$ Millions)	Dues
<input type="checkbox"/> A.	< 2M	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> B.	2M - 5M	\$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> C.	6M- 15M	\$2,000
<input type="checkbox"/> D.	16M- 25M	\$4,000
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<input type="checkbox"/> G.	>150M	\$22,500

- Affiliate Membership** (\$2,500)
- Associate Membership** (\$1,500)
- Foreign Membership** (\$1,000)
- Non-Profit Membership** (\$300)

Regular Members: Please indicate the type of products your company produces.

	Bagged	Bulk	Palletized		Bagged	Bulk	Palletized	Bales
Pine Nuggets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soil Conditioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pine Mini-Nuggets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Top Soil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pine/Fir Mulch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Potting Soil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hemlock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Manure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hardwood Mulch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional Mix	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Western Decorative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peat (Sphagnum)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cedar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peat Humus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cypress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pine Straw	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Color Enhanced Mulch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Other (Specify): _____								

Associates & Affiliates: Please describe your products or services as they apply to the mulch & soil industry:

LOCATION OF ADDITIONAL PLANTS BY CITY AND STATE

City/State

City/State

Payment: Nonrefundable payment must accompany application. MSC accepts checks or credit cards (U.S. dollars only).

Total Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

Payment Type:

- Check Enclosed: # _____
- Credit Card (check one):
 - Visa MC AmEx

Card # _____ CVV2: _____
 Name on Card _____ Exp Date _____
 Signature _____

If elected to membership, I will abide by the Bylaws of the MSC and support its purpose and objectives.

Signature _____ Date _____

Send application with payment to:

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