

Fort Rock Construction: Working to build dreams

Fort Rock Construction Inc. is a professionally managed general contracting company established in February 2001. They specialize in all phases of remodeling, additions, kitchens & baths, commercial renovations, and custom built homes. Fort Rock's goal is to help customers get the most out of their investment. They pride themselves on giving a fair and accurate bid based on the customer's selections. Since they opened their doors in

2001, Fort Rock Construction, Inc. has become Lane County's premier remodeler. They specialize in high-end home and business remodeling projects including custom designed kitchens, bathrooms, home offices, home theatre rooms, additions, large expansions, and much more.

As an established designer/builder we collectively help clients realize their dreams through a diligent one-on-one effort they call "The Process". By design, the process has proven to provide clients with the satisfaction of a quality finished product that most other contractors just cannot deliver. After working with Fort Rock Construction, Inc. they are confident you will not only refer them but invite them back for your next project. Over 75 percent of our business comes from referrals and repeat customers.

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Make the most of mulching

Lawns and gardens can often benefit from the laying of mulch. Mulch serves various purposes in lawns and gardens, and many experienced lawn and garden enthusiasts lay mulch to ensure their properties make it through spring, summer and fall unscathed.

First-time homeowners with little or no landscaping experience may not understand the benefits of mulch, which can be used to strengthen soil and protect properties from the elements.

What is mulch?

Mulch refers to a material spread around or over a plant to enrich and/or insulate its soil. Many homeowners prefer mulch made of wood chips, which is both effective and readily available. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notes that organic mulches, which include leaves, wood chips, compost or grass clippings, can be used by homeowners who want to develop eco-friendly landscapes.

Why mulch?

Mulching can benefit plants around a property in various ways. Many people lay mulch because the mulch helps soil retain moisture in the summer, when temperatures tend to be at their hottest. This can help plants

survive summer heat waves. Mulch also can be used to suppress weeds. Weeds, which steal moisture plants need to build strong roots and survive summer, need light to grow. When laid correctly, mulch deprives weeds of the light they need to grow. Organic mulches can even provide homes for crickets and a type of beetle that feed on weed seeds. Mulch also can deter harmful pests depending on the type of mulch homeowners choose. When purchasing mulch, homeowners will have to choose between the aforementioned organic mulch or man-made mulches, which may be made of plastic or rubber. While man-made mulches may repel pests, they also can have adverse effects. Plastic, for example, can heat up in the summer and cause plants to burn. Certain organic mulches can repel insects that can threaten plants. That's because the majority of organic mulches increase the amount of beneficial bacteria in the soil, and they also increase the presence of helpful insects that do not pose a threat to plant life. Those helpful insects help keep harmful insects at bay. Compost is a type of organic mulch that may attract harmful insects. While that does not mean homeowners should shy away from using compost as mulch, they should know that they may need to employ organic insecticides to combat their unwanted guests. Mulch is a potentially valuable tool homeowners can use to improve the look and health of their properties.

