Mulch Much?

Mulch vs. No Mulch
Moisture Retention and Yields

Plants grown with mulch produce higher yields than plants grown without.

Mulch
10% of rainwater evaporates

No Mulch
Up to 80% of rainwater evaporates

Mulch Keeps Your Soil Cool
How Mulch Affects Soil Temperature

*Study used grass mulch at 4 tons/acre

Pine Straw
Make sure to use with acid loving plants such as blueberries, strawberries, garlic, and potatoes.

Grass Clippings
Free and accessible! This type of mulch also adds nitrogen and nutrients to your garden.

Leaves
There are little to no drawbacks when mulching with leaves! Mowing them first helps to release nutrients.

Newspaper
Particularly helpful at keeping weeds at bay. Helps to retain moisture if your garden is in a very dry location.

Compost
You can save and use your kitchen’s waste, or check around for chicken, horse, cow, or rabbit manure.

Wood Chips
Wood chips, shredded wood, or saw dust help to keep your garden’s soil moist and cool.