

VITAL EARTH LTD

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE PRODUCT AND COMPANY

Commercial product name	Vital Earth Pine Bark Chips
Description	A decorative mulch from a renewable source for suppressing weeds and conserving moisture
Manufacturer	Vital Earth Ltd Blenheim Road Airfield Industrial Estate Ashbourne Derbyshire DE6 1HA Tel: 01335 300 355 Fax: 01335 346 100

2. COMPOSTION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Aged pine bark

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Dust is the main hazard if the product should become dry.
Large bags should be lifted with care.
The material may contain sharp objects.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Skin contact: Wash hands after use. Wash from cuts and abrasions with soap and water.
Eye contact: Immediately irrigate with plenty of clean water.
Ingestion: Accidental ingestion should produce no ill-effects.
Inhalation: Not applicable
If symptoms persist seek medical advice.

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable fire fighting extinguishing media:	Water
Special exposure hazards:	None
Protection against fire and explosions:	Bark is a combustible material, so this product should not come into contact with naked flames.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Sweep up into suitable container and wash affected area with water.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

This material should be handled using good working practices.
Store in original packaging in a cool, dry place away from chemicals and pesticides.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROL/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Personal protective equipment:	No special protection is needed when using this product as directed.
Respiratory protection:	Dust mask could be worn if prolonged use of this product in confined areas is expected.
Hand and eye protection:	No special protection is needed when using this product as directed.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance:	Coarse bark
Odour:	Pine
pH:	6.0
Solubility in water:	Insoluble

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

The material is stable under normal conditions of use.

Conditions to avoid:	Excessive heat (bark is combustible).
Material to avoid:	No specific materials to avoid.
Hazardous decomposition products:	None.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

This product is regarded as non-toxic.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No adverse environmental effects have been recorded.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Spread product over land as a soil conditioner. Dispose of bag safely in accordance with local and national regulations.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Non-hazardous.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Uses and restrictions: Horticultural use
EU Directives 67/548 EEC as amended.
Statutory information is on the packaging.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

The information contained in this Safety Data Sheet, as of the issue date, is believed to be true and correct. However, the accuracy or completeness of this information, and any recommendations or suggestions, are made without warranty or guarantee. The product label provides information on the use of this product. Since the conditions of use are beyond the control of our company, it is the responsibility of the user to determine the conditions of safe use of this product.

Every effort has been made to ensure this product contains no pathogens, sharp fragments, toxins or regenerative plant parts. However, the manufacturer cannot guarantee they will never be present.

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