

**WHERE TO GET WOODCHIPS FOR BLACK FOREST AND THE SPRINGS.....NOW!!!** to prepare for spring planting in your Back to Eden garden or to start reclaiming your burned land (You may remember seeing in the film how the wood chips revitalized the land and kept the soil from becoming compacted or blowing away.)

**Don's Garden Shop and Landscape Materials** 6001 E. Platte Ave. (Platte and Powers) Ph [719 591-1040](tel:7195911040). Don is excited about the idea of helping the residents of Black Forest to reclaim their land and make it productive and beautiful again. So he has decided to partner with those of us who want to be a part of the **Black Forest Land Reclamation and Back to Eden Garden**

**Project.** Don's contribution to this project is that he will lower the price of his "Street Tree Mulch" from \$8.00 a cubic yard down to only \$5.50 a cubic yard! This is a very special price – just for us – and to receive this price, each of us must have a certificate from the Black Forest Victory Garden Club stating that we are a member, and that we promise to use the discounted wood chips from Don's ONLY for reclaiming burned land or for creating a Back to Eden garden.

**You can e-mail me for a certificate.** [www.donsgardenshop.com/](http://www.donsgardenshop.com/)

**Ayer Firewood and Tree Mitigation Service** at Ayer Ranch 12558 Meridian Rd., Black Forest, CO Ph. [719 602-1262](tel:7196021262) Talk with Dick Ayer, the owner, about picking up mulch at little or no cost for the services of his loader....with your certificate of membership in the Black Forest Victory Garden Club. **Ayer** Ranch TLC, Inc. is a locally owned and operated, family-run business serving the Black Forest/Elbert and surrounding areas since 1970. The **Ayer** family has been on this ranch since 1876.

**Colorado Springs Forestry Operations' Free Mulch Pile!** Take I-25 to Fontenero, (Exit #144). Travel east to Recreation Way. Travel south on Recreation Way to 1601 Recreation Way, (a big metal building with a "Forestry Operations Center" sign in front and fence around it). The free mulch pile is on the WEST side of the street, across from that building. Although there is no loader at that site, the mulch is free and homeowners can load up whatever they need! Sometimes, however, the mulch bin is empty, especially during summer months, so going now is greatly advised! (Thanks goes out to Roland Bretschneider for telling us about the free mulch pile!)

Also, you can drop off your own yard waste, (leaves, tree clippings, old fence wood, etc.--NOT painted wood) at Rocky Top Resources, (see below), from 8 a.m.

to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, FREE with a canned good donation for Care and Share. <http://www.springsgov.com/Page.aspx?NavID=3529>

**Rocky Top Resources** 1175 E. Las Vegas St. Colorado Springs, CO 80908 Ph [719 579-9103](tel:7195799103) Talk with Fred, the owner, about picking up mulch at the contractor's price, \$9.50 a cubic yard. Services of the loader will be included. Present your certificate to get the contractor's price. <http://www.rockytopresources.com/>

**(The Black Forest Slash/Mulch Program** opens May 2 for slash and May 9 for mulch. Cost for mulch is \$5.00 a cubic yard if you use the services of the loader. (Thanks to all those who volunteer to help with this very worthwhile project!) <http://www.bfslash.org/>