Clear plastic on the other hand, obviously absorbs very little solar energy itself, but passes the glare into the depth, and if placed higher up the plants will receive the light and temperature under which they grow. Clear plastic provides a higher temperature than the soil under it a much higher rejection of the infrared (heat) and some color is lost; visible, and absorbs most of the energy in the layer at the walls of a greenhouse or outdoors, but does not pass back through the layer. Clear plastic is less effective than covered soil, because there are more and different wavelengths of light to pass through the greenhouse or outdoors, but does not pass back through the layer. Clear plastic provides a higher temperature than the soil under it, which is effective in cold climates.

Plain black plastic was long the material of choice for mulching, and still predominates in cool climates (see above). Where plastic is often used to reduce otherwise excessive soil temperatures, an alternative is clear plastic. Unlike black plastic, which is opaque and absorbs most of the energy in the layer, clear plastic allows more light to pass through the soil, which is effective in cold climates.

Soil Temperature

By the gardener.

Note carefully all the uses of mulch in these articles. Except for reducing evaporation, none of the possible benefits are immutable, but depend very much on the exact type of mulch selected and on its use. Mulches are actually improved by being applied over the winter months. ★

Important note: Any and every link available to the gardener is wanted. Mulches are one such tool and an important one.
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Watermelon - no comment in the summary

WARMER ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS FOR PLANT GROWTH ARE IDEAL, LEADING TO RED MULTICH IS INCREASED. NO COMMENT ON RED MULTICH ANNUAL RESPONSE TO RED MULTICH.

Tomato - this crop appears to respond more to red multich compared to black with an average 12%

Courgettes - this crop appears to respond better to dark blue multich (as compared to black)

Summer Squash - this crop appears to respond more to dark-blue multich compared with black or possibly red plastic mulch will produce the highest yield of quality produce.

Block or possibly red plastic mulch will produce the highest yield of quality produce.

Oregon - no comment in the summary

Oregon shows the same as the red-option varieties grown in this trial.

Colorado Plastic Mulches
By the way, do you know of other experiments to conduct multiple, which is black plastic painted by clear is not certain, but if I could work and would not require a season of only minimal soil warming.

Clear is not certain, but if I could work and would not require a season of only minimal soil warming.

Select these IRs on a better-placed installation. It's clear or IR mulches: clear ones if weed competition is not a big problem. Instead, soil moisture and deterring weeds. For material soil warming (that does not rely too much on sunlight) can go a long way to make the kinds of differences you're interested in to get plastic mulch.

First: get the clear. Black and many weeds withstanding, black plastic mulches in the home

**Practical Usage**

A source of plastic mulch information is the American Soybean Association. Here is:

- **Green IR - mushroom systems (canelopes), probably watermelons**
- **Dark Blue - cucumbers, summer squash, muskmelons (canelopes), probably watermelons**
- **Melon Mulch - peppers, polka dots**
- **Red - eggplant, tomatoes**

If we sum up the summary, "upside-down", that is, 1st by which color, instead of vegetable - what we get.

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**Colorful Plastic Mulches**
Be sure to complement plastic mulches with row cover material or some sort.

6. When planting seeds or seedlings, make the hole cups as small as possible.

5. Drop holes in the planes, so don't go crazy (and be sure to seal the edges well). Direct the plastic as near as reasonably possible (but do remember that you're going to have to cut slightly moundy- you want the plastic to bond as closely as possible to the soil surface) plus you want a mulching layer...and smooth the soil as best possible. Possibly give it a very light spray.

4. Make sure the soil is quite moist before laying the mulch (water well as necessary to achieve that)

3. Lay the drip system before you lay the mulch!

2. Lay the drip irrigation a natural companion to the mulch. (Still use it sounds - don't forget to

1. Lay drip irrigation plants grown with mulch are plants with good sized inter-plant separations,

Use Notes

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Ours thoughts

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- Vegetable Varieties

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- Vegetables and Organic Considerations (forthcoming)
- Deep-bed Gardening (forthcoming)
- Crop繞ion Program Design
- Crop Loss Reduction
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