

ASK THE LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONAL

Welcome

To my Weekly Series

Feel free to send me questions you'd like to have me answer and I will do my best to address the ones of most general interest. Email or mail your questions to: info@sprigsandtwigs.net or Linda Lillie, Sprigs & Twigs Inc, PO Box 245, Gales Ferry, CT 0633



Question this Week:

Hi Linda – I have a question about using pine needles from our pine trees as mulch for our flower beds. We've been doing for few years, but not sure if doing correctly. We're in Ledyard. We've just been placing piles around plants. Can we apply again now in mid-summer? Or is it best to wait till fall? Thank you! ...Wendy



Linda's Answer:

Hi Wendy,

Yes, you can reapply pine needles now. A good 2-3" layer of pine needles helps with keeping weeds down and keeps the soil cool and moist for the roots of your plants. The pine needles also decompose and add organic matter to the soil.

Spring and summer are good times to lay down the pine needles so you get a full season of use from them. Fall is too late. The pines needles put down in the fall would be pretty much decomposed by the time spring rolls around.

Thank you for your question.