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Thanks to Carol Littmann, Tauna Powell and Tim Bartin for sending us links to this fascinating documentary on mulching vegetable gardens and orchards. It is so timely because we have been looking for a chipper to chip all the branches left from the previous owner's timbering. We intended to use the chips for bedding for our cows this winter, but should have plenty left over for the garden.

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When visiting the Haguewoods this Saturday, I found out that they used wood chips on their garden this year. I had not noticed when we were at their farm earlier this summer, or I would have asked them about the chips. Here we are avid composters and landscapers who use bark mulch and wood chips on our customers' landscaping all the time, yet never, ever considered placing wood chips on a vegetable garden or an orchard. Now I know why the sunflower head that Kami brought to our home was larger than any I had seen. It always helps to know someone who has tried something so radically different and find out that it really works. Now we are actually excited about using wood chips on our vegetable gardens.

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Synopsis:
After years of backbreaking toil in ground ravaged by the effects of man-made growing systems, Paul Gautschi has discovered a taste of what God intended for mankind in the Garden of Eden. Some of the vital issues facing agriculture today include soil preparation, fertilization, irrigation, weed control, pest control, crop rotation, and pH issues. None of these issues exist in the unaltered state of nature or in Paul's gardens and orchards. "Back to Eden" invites you to take a walk with Paul as he teaches you sustainable organic growing methods that are capable of being implemented in diverse climates around the world.

<http://www.cultureunplugged.com/documentary/watch-online/play/11883/Back-to-Eden>