

# Bulk Buying Cheatsheet

When to buy bags vs. bulk delivery for mulch, gravel, stone, topsoil, and sand.

## Bags vs. Bulk Breakeven

Material	Bag Size	Bags/yd <sup>3</sup>	Bags/Pallet	Bulk Breakeven
Mulch	2 cu ft	~14	60–65	~3 cu yd (~42 bags)
Gravel	0.5 cu ft	~54	64	~2 cu yd (~108 bags)
Stone	0.5 cu ft	~54	64	~2 cu yd (~108 bags)
Topsoil	1 cu ft	~27	50–60	~3 cu yd (~81 bags)
Sand	0.5 cu ft	~54	56	~2 cu yd (~108 bags)

## Quick Tips

- Bagged: \$40–68/yd<sup>3</sup>. Bulk: \$25–45/yd<sup>3</sup> + \$50–100 delivery fee.
- Mulch and topsoil: bulk wins at ~3 cu yd. Gravel/stone/sand: bulk wins at ~2 cu yd.
- Pallet buying is the middle ground: 10–20% below individual bag price
- Single-axle dump truck: 10–12 cu yd (light materials) or 8–10 cu yd (stone/gravel)