

Black-eyed Susan Care

Q: I have a pretty garden of Black-Eyed Susan flowers planted 2 years ago and last summer was beautiful. In fall I weeded it out and asked my husband to put down garden soil - he put two -three inches. It was a little overkill, but I didn't think it would hurt since it was a fairly new garden. We let it rain on that to even it out better. Then I asked him to mulch it. He misunderstood and put all of the mulch we had (three bags of mulch meant to spread on the other garden areas) into that one garden. He did pull out mulch to put on the other garden areas but the Black-Eyed Susan area is 90% covered in mulch.

1. Can they survive and grow in this?
2. If not, is there anything we can do to remedy?
3. We are having our house re-sided so I had to give up and replant most of my gardens so this one was particularly important and rewarding to watch it flourish.
4. This is in Cattaraugus County NY and we're getting ready to leave soon.

A: Thanks for submitting this question! Two-three inches depth of mulch is great as long as you thin the mulch out to about an inch deep at the base of the plants. Black-eyed Susans tend to spread by their seeds and more of them will take root in your well-placed mulch. So nothing to remedy there. Y'all did great putting down topsoil too. You will have some healthy flowers!

Cattaraugus County, NY is good drive from northeast Tennessee. We're glad to help you out! -