



Log Care Guidelines

The hard work has been done but there is still work to do: the most important of which is finding an appropriate location for your logs to rest during the “spawn run” of mycelium to fully colonize them. This space is also sometimes referred to as a spawn run in the literature, but we prefer the name “laying yard”, as it indicates where the logs will lay. The function of the laying yard is to provide and maintain appropriate growing conditions for the new mushroom mycelium within your logs. This means **a moist location out of direct sun and wind**, sheltered from extreme fluctuations in temperature and humidity, preferably by a woodland.

Location is Everything

Where to site your laying yard depends on your microclimate, availability of suitable sites, and number of logs in the run. It is also important to consider whether or not you will be “forcing” your logs or letting them fruit naturally. Aspect, elevation, slope, surrounding landforms and vegetation also influence your choice. Accessibility is also important, especially if you need to supplement your logs with additional water in times of drought.



As a general rule, you want your logs to receive about 1” of rain/week throughout the growing season. In the absence of rainfall, drench your logs

thoroughly once/week rather than watering them everyday. Logs should be kept slightly off of the ground until they are fully colonized. We like to use cedar or other softwood runners when available. To protect logs from extreme cold, they should be dead-stacked close to the ground during winter. Congratulations on your log purchase, and thank you for supporting Mycotopia!

For more information on log care and fruiting instructions:

- *Radical Mycology* by Peter McCoy
- *Growing Gourmet and Medicinal Mushrooms* by Paul Stamets
- *Organic Mushroom Farming and Mycoremediation* by Tradd Cotter
- <https://www.uvm.edu/sites/default/files/media/ShiitakeGuide.pdf>
- NorthSpore youtube channel
- Sporeprints youtube channel

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-Shiitake

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-Chicken of the Woods, Maitake

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Drop Fungus not Bombs!

Mushroom Garden Installations



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-Lion's Mane, Reishi, Oyster

The totem method is a great way to incorporate mushrooms into trail systems, shade gardens, and can even be made into art installations!

Mushroom Beds

-Wine Caps, Oysters, Morels

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-Blewits, Shaggy Mane

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