

# MULCH: Tree Care Basics

With proper planting and mulching, trees become valuable assets.

## Mulch Your Trees

Use organic mulch such as wood chips, bark, pine needles and compost.



CORRECT MULCHING

Use a donut shape, making sure not to pile mulch on the bark.

Do not dome mulch, keep mulch away from trunk and bark.



BAD MULCHING

## MULCH BENEFITS

- Maintains moisture and insulates soil
- Protects tree from lawn equipment
- Improves soil structure and fertility

Layer mulch 2 to 4 inches deep for well-drained soils.



Helps control weeds.



Adds landscaped appearance.



Wider mulched areas are better, extending ring out to the tree's drip line.



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