

Using Mulch Properly

BY APPLYING MULCH CORRECTLY YOU CAN SET YOUR TREE UP FOR SUCCESS.

Mulch is an important part of tree care, but how it is applied is critical. Improper application of mulch can cause serious, sometimes fatal health issues for your tree.

When used correctly, mulch provides several benefits such as controlling moisture levels, repressing weed growth, and temperature regulation of the soil.

Mulch should be applied in a flattened doughnut shape around your tree. It should never touch the trunk of the tree, this is an invitation for problems such as disease, fungus, and improper root growth.

The layer of mulch should never exceed three inches. It is also important to use the right kind of mulch; aged wood chips or composted leaves are good choices.



**“Volcano” Mulch
= BAD!**



**“FLAT Doughnut”
Mulch = GOOD!**

