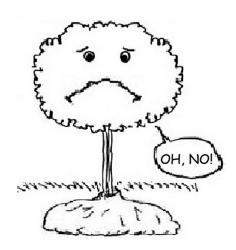
STOP MULCH MADNESS!



MULCH VOLCANO = BAD!

- Creates too much heat and kills inner bark.
- Causes roots to circle and choke off water and nutrients.
- Softens bark, allowing insects, fungus and rodents to invade and destroy.
- And MORE!



MULCH DONUT = GOOD!

- Stabilizes temperatures, keeping the tree cool.
- Protects trunk from lawn equipment.
- Prevents soil compaction, and keeps soil loose, allowing water and nutrients to reach roots.
- And SO MUCH MORE!

How To Mulch Properly:

- 1. Mulch in "Donut Style" while keeping mulch 6 inches AWAY from the tree trunk.
- 2. Mulch should be only 2 to 4 inches deep.
- 3. Mulch should extend to the edge of the tree's branches.
- 4. Mulch with coarse-textured wood chips, rather than rocks or plastic.
- 5. If old mulch is present, break it up before adding new.

REMIND YOUR LANDSCAPER TO MULCH RESPONSIBLY!

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