

PROPER MULCHING

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DON'T pile mulch up around your tree (like a **VOLCANO**)



DO make a flat mulch ring around your tree (like a **DONUT**)

Mulch is **organic matter** that acts as a blanket to hold moisture, moderate soil temperature extremes, and reduce competition from grass and weeds. Covering the actual trunk of your tree **may cause decay** in the living bark!