

What materials are the **BEST** mulches for trees?

Bark chunks or shredded bark that is at least 3/8 inch in size. Pine bark will last longer than hardwood bark.

Pine needles

One-year old wood chips

Leaves that were shredded and composted for at least three months

What materials are the **WORST** mulches for trees?

Fresh grass clippings or fresh wood chips

Any fresh organic mulch

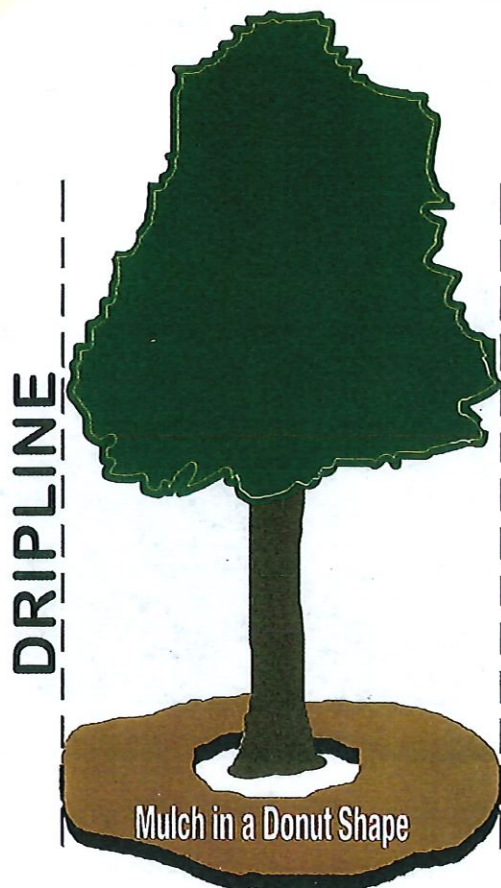
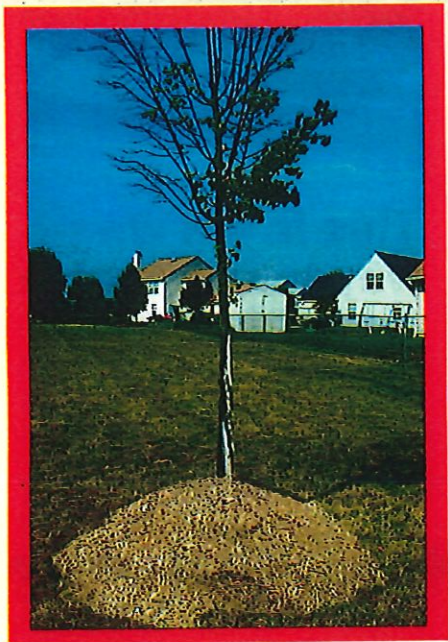
Any organic mulch that smells bad

Peat moss or sawdust

Pebbles, rocks, or cobble stones

Bricks or pavement or black plastic

Ground-up rubber tires



**2 INCHES TO 4 INCHES DEEP
START 6 INCHES FROM THE TRUNK**

Improper mulching kills trees! Mulch should never be piled up into a cone around a tree trunk. These *mulch volcanoes* are killing trees and are wasting money on excess mulch material. It is easy to remember . . .

VOLCANOES ARE BAD!

DONUTS ARE GOOD!