



SHAKER HEIGHTS

Mulching Guidelines

Tree lawn trees help make Shaker Heights beautiful. To insure that they are healthy and long lived, proper mulching is extremely important. By following these simple mulching guidelines, you will help to minimize injury to the tree trunk and roots, maintain soil moisture, control weeds, and improve soil quality, all of which will extend the life of the tree.

Mulching guidelines:

1. Use organic mulch.*
2. Keep mulch at least 6 inches away from trunk.
3. Mulch as far out as the dripline, if possible.
4. Keep the root flare entirely visible.
5. Apply mulch in a thickness of 2-4 inches.
6. Loosen matted mulch with a rake to allow water to seep through.
7. Add mulch only when layer becomes very thin (may not be every year).

In addition to proper mulching, please keep lawnmowers and trimmers away from the root flare and don't put landscape fabric around the base of the tree.

With these simple steps, the urban forest in Shaker Heights will remain healthy for years to come.

**Free wood chips are often available at the Canoe Club on South Park Blvd. Residents must bring their own containers and shovels.*

