



Placing Mulch Around Your Young Tree

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- Remember the 4x4x6 rule: spread mulch in a 4-foot diameter around your tree, 4 inches away from the trunk, and 6 inches deep.
- Mulch will keep soil temperatures cool, retain water, and discourage weeds. It will slowly decompose and should be replenished as needed during the first three growing years.
- Fertilizer is not recommended at planting time. Trees come with enough fertilizer from the nursery, and over time mulch will provide new nutrients to the tree.
- Avoid using “weed and feed” fertilizers. They contain herbicides that can damage or kill young trees.





These tips will help you care for your trees in their first three years of life. For more information, visit www.sactree.com or call (916) 924-TREE (8733).

