



## Protecting Your Young Tree

### **Keeping young tree trunks out of harm's way**

- Do not use weed trimmers or lawn mowers near the base of young trees. Hand-pull weeds instead. When the thin bark of young trees is injured, the bark may split and die back. This can cause disease, unwanted pests, and the sun to scald the bark, resulting in decay or death.
- To keep your young tree trunk out of harm's way, spread mulch in a 4-foot diameter around your tree, 4 inches away from the trunk, and 6 inches deep. The mulch will keep soil temperatures cool, retain water, and discourage weeds.





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

