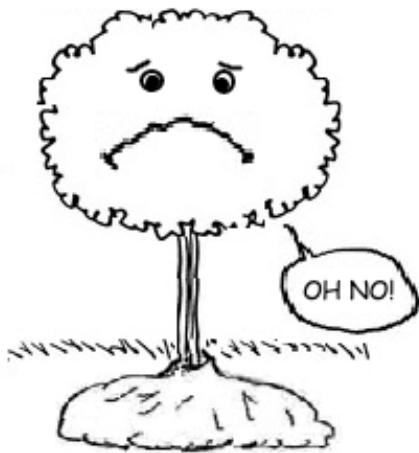


# STOP MULCH MADNESS!



**MULCH VOLCANO = BAD!**

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**MULCH DONUT = GOOD!**

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## REMINDE YOUR LANDSCAPERS TO MULCH RESPONSIBLY!

### BAD MULCH – “VOLCANO”

1. DIRT or GRASS while re-setting the tree ring edge & MULCH should never be piled against the tree trunk.
  2. Mulching in a “volcano” shape can make the tree susceptible to fungus, insects, and rodent damage.
  3. Mulch against the trunk can result in the growth of circling roots that will strangle the tree with time.
- ✓ Mulch in a “donut” shape. Keep mulch 4-6 inches from the trunk. Mulch out as far as the branches extend, or at least 3 feet from the trunk. Keep the mulch 2-4” thick.
  - ✓ Break up old mulch, every Spring, and add new wood chip mulch to maintain a 2-4” layer. Coarse textured mulch will allow more air and water to penetrate to the roots.
  - ✓ Properly applied mulch provides many benefits including....

### GOOD MULCH – “DONUT”

1. Prevents soil compaction and helps to keep water in the soil for tree roots.
2. Keeps lawn equipment from damaging the trunk.
3. Moderates temperature and adds beneficial organics as it breaks down.