



The mulched area should include as much of the root zone as possible. It should extend at least 3 to 6 feet out from the base of the plant. It is advisable to pull the mulch 1 to 2 inches from the base of tree to prevent bark decay.

A 2- to 4-inch layer is adequate to prevent most weed seeds from germinating. Mulch should be applied to a weed-free soil surface.

Organic mulch is the preferred product. They include wood chips, pine needles, hardwood and softwood bark, cocoa hulls, leaves, compost mixes, and a variety of other products usually derived from plants.