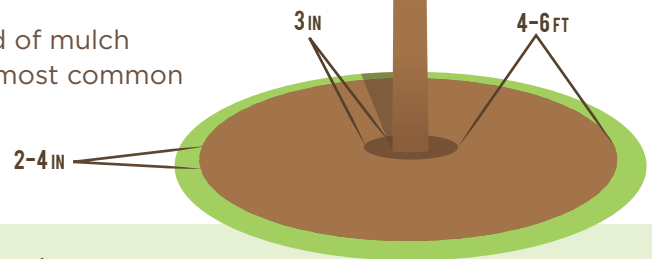


HOW TO CARE FOR A TREE

1 MULCHING THE TREE

- Apply woodchip mulch in a diameter of 4-6 ft wide. Yes, even on small trees
- Apply to a depth of 2-4 inches and keep it at least 3 inches from the tree trunk
- It usually takes a minimum of one wheelbarrow load of mulch (preferably two) of woodchips per tree (Grass is the most common weed problem for trees)



2 WATERING



- Apply 5 gallons of water at planting time
- Apply 5 gallons each week during the growing season for the first two years. During the first growing season (summer) water weekly unless the tree received recent significant rainfall. Year two, water every two weeks. Year three water monthly or as needed
- Water only when dry during winter months

3 MAINTAINING THE TREE

- Continue maintaining the mulch - keeping it 4-6' wide and 4-6" from the trunk. This can be done for many years and has great benefits to the tree - holds moisture, reduces weed growth and keeps the lawnmower and weed trimmer from causing damage to the trunk.
- Keep the weeds out of the mulch with either frequent hoeing or CAREFUL use of glyphosate herbicide at label rate. Glyphosate is used on actively growing weeds and is safe to the tree if you do not get it on the leaves or trunk of the tree. Please read the label. This is commonly used by both home gardeners and commercial horticulturists in growing trees in landscapes.

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