



Helpful guidelines for properly maintaining your newly planted tree(s)!

MULCHING - retains soil moisture, suppresses weeds, moderates soil temperatures and keeps damaging weedeaters and lawn mowers away from the base of trees.

- PLEASE, don't use cypress mulch!
 - Harvesting our valuable Cypress trees for their bark destroys valuable and irreplaceable trees and habitat for a large number of life forms.
 - <http://www.indefenseofplants.com/blog/2016/3/28/why-you-should-never-buy-cypress-mulch>
 - <http://saveourcypress.org/category/cypress-mulch/consumer-education/>
- We suggest using Pine Straw or Pine Bark Mulch

Mulch Volcano - BAD



Proper Mulching



Mulch volcanoes cause tree roots to girdle and strangle a tree, and create the perfect atmosphere for pests and disease to enter a tree's tissue.



WATER - Twice a week for 1 year. After 1 year your tree is considered established and will only need to be watered during a drought.

- Let hose slowly and completely fill mulch ring, allowing the water to percolate into the tree's root ball, instead of running off into the street.
- or
- Place water bag around bottom of trunk and fill bag twice a week

WHERE TO PURCHASE WATER BAGS:

- *Home Depot
- *Jefferson Feed & Seed
- *Ace Hardware
- *Amazon or www.treegator.com





STAKING- We don't recommend staking trees unless your tree bends over. Improper staking causes more damage than not staking at all. Contact us if you have questions about staking, or join us in the spring for our community education series and learn from an expert about how to properly stake a tree!!



WEED EATERS are the #1 killer of trees! That's why we have provided you with a homemade weed eater guard. Weed eater strings slash a tree's tissue, creating the perfect entrance point for pests and disease, while also deforming your tree. Weed eater guards and mulch help keep weed eater strings away from your tree's delicate bark.

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Each tree you received is valued at \$120, and events such as the one today include many additional costs. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to SOUL so that we can continue this valuable program into the future. Donations can be made at: www.soulnola.org/donate/. Thank you!