

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR MULCH APPLICATION ONTO TREE BEDS IN COMMON AREAS AND SWALES

- 1) Inspect existing mulch on tree pad. Rough older mulch into soil and only mix in additional mulch when necessary to meet the requirements below.
- 2) Remove old existing layers of mulch on beds that have volcano mulch around the tree's root flare and trunk before applying new mulch. Old mulch that is not forming a volcano may be worked to loosen the material and be re-formed per item 3 below. However, care must be taken to ensure the proper depth and the mulch matches beds with new mulch.
- 3) Insure saucer like (donut hole) formation remains around tree trunk itself; with 6" spacing.
- 4) No mulch should be placed up against tree trunk.
- 5) Ensure the top of the tree's root flare is exposed and free of mulch.
- 6) Limit mulch to 3 to 4 inches of depth within the pad or circle.
- 7) Pads on hills require added attention to minimize wash-out.
- 8) Insure all mulch product remains within tree pad areas; do not overlay existing ground cover.

All Contractor supervisors should view the following video as a refresher for proper mulching techniques before initial application of mulch at Symphony Village. Instruction should be provided to workers as appropriate.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fl12XNNqldA>

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