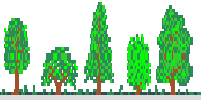


City of Chillicothe Tree Care Guide



Help protect our growing investment of trees and shrubs



Lawnmowers and weed whippers

Lawn equipment can damage and kill trees by scraping tree bark. Lawn mower scrapes disrupt a tree's ability to move nutrients and water from roots to leaves. These wounds also can become entry points for disease and insects.

Trees...

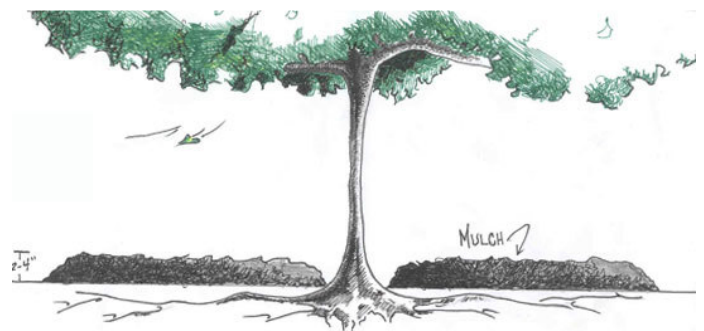
- clean the air
- reduce flooding
- provide habitat
- reduce "Greenhouse Effect"
- abate noise
- absorb stormwater
- calm traffic
- reduce crime
- add color and character to the landscape...



Protect all young trees with an 8-inch piece of corrugated plastic tubing. **Mulch young trees to reduce grass competition and deadly encounters with lawn equipment.** Mulch should not be more than 3 inches thick and must not be piled up against the trunk as this promotes rot.

Mulch young trees

The application of mulch around young trees suppresses grass growth, which reduces a tree's competition with grass. Mulch also acts to fertilize and buffer young tree roots from temperature and moisture extremes.



PROPER MULCH DIAGRAM

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