

Print a Mulch Meter at Home

Mulch the Right Way!



The Right Way

Your mulch ring should:

- start 3" from the trunk;
- be 2-3" deep; and
- extend 3 feet out from the tree.

Mulch Meter

Mulch is great for trees, but applying mulch the wrong way can actually kill your trees!

Mulch should always be 2 to 3 inches deep.

Use this meter to help you get the right mulch depth.



Too Much

Just Right!

Too Little

Just say NO to the mulch volcano!

When mulch is too deep or touches the tree, it leads to disease and pests.

Get more tree tips!

Visit treemontgomery.org to learn why trees are important and how to care for them.



Step 1: Cut along the outside dotted line.

Step 2: Fold at the dashed line in the middle

Step 3: Use on your trees!

More Tree Care Tips

- Give trees, especially newly planted trees, at least **25 gallons of water each week during the hot summer months**. Mulching properly helps conserve water.
- **Don't forget to weed around new trees!** Weeds compete with your tree for water and nutrients in the soil. Mulching properly prevents more weeds from sprouting up.
- Deer can damage trees, so protect young trees by **installing chicken wire or deer netting** around each tree or a group of trees. The wire or netting should be at least 5 feet tall.

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