

## MULCH GUIDE™ MULCH COLLAR

Are your trees suffering from too much love? If a little mulch is good, is a lot better?

Burying tree trunks is one of the leading causes of tree death and failure!!

**MULCH GUIDE™** protects trees from a mulch burial.  
They can be used with new plantings and existing trees

Proper planting standards place the trunk flare just above final soil grade by one inch. It is also recommended that mulch be placed over the soil around the tree but not against the trunk. Typical mulch applications range from a 12-inch radius outward from the trunk to covering the entire bare soil area. All mulch applications should be kept away from the trunk with a minimum distance of two inches.

The benefits of mulch include improving soil moisture, reducing weed growth and competition, reducing temperature fluctuations in the soil, and improving soil organic matter.

Mulch applications should be placed and maintained at about four (4) inches deep without burying the tree trunk. **MULCH GUIDE™** protects the tree trunk from being buried by mulch. The depth of the collar guides the depth of the mulch application and prevents “Mulch Volcanoes” from burying the tree trunk.

**MULCH GUIDE™** is easily sized for the trunk diameter and available in the desired depth for the intended mulch application. As the tree grows in size, the collar can be expanded with the growing trunk to continue to protect the tree from mulch contact over the life of the tree in the landscape.

Easy to use, re-usable, and low cost, **MULCH GUIDE™** saves the lives of trees and reduces landscape maintenance costs. It makes mulch installations faster by serving as a depth guide and protects trees from installation crews that are not aware of the damage caused by placing mulch against the tree trunk. Simple to use, the only tools and materials required are a sharp knife, sturdy tape (black is preferred for less visible appearance), and nails (optional if needed) to hold the collar in place.



Tree in bare soil



Mulch Guide set in place



Mulch around Guide  
(top view)



Mulch around Guide  
(side view)

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