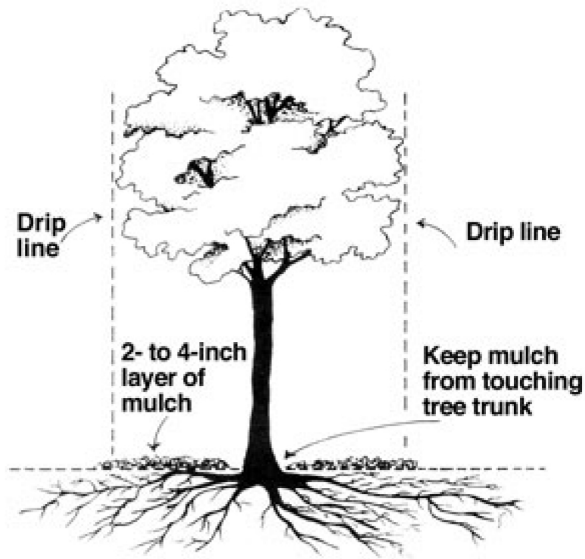


# How to Properly Mulch a Tree

To get the best results from your mulch, layer it two to three inches thick and cover the entire root system. If you cannot mulch the entire area, try to mulch as much of the area under the canopy of the tree as possible. Do not place mulch against the trunk instead leave a three inch space to avoid moist bark conditions that cause trunk decay. Too much mulch can cause problems for your tree, such as girdling roots and lowered oxygen concentrations.



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Thoroughly cover the area to a uniform depth to be most effective. Low or bare spots are prone to weed problems and uneven mulch does not properly insulate the soil.



**Correct Mulching Technique**



**Poor Mulching Technique**