



Borough of Glen Rock Tree Tips

2 simple actions to give your tree a strong foundation

Much like the stability of a home the health of a tree begins with a strong foundation: the root system!

Aeration, please!

Look at the soil at the base of the tree. Is it hard or compacted? Is it in a heavily-trafficked area? Is water running off instead of penetrating the soil? If so, aerate the dirt around your tree. Aeration will help the root system absorb the optimum amount of water, nutrients

Got mulch?

Using mulch:

- retains water helping to keep the roots moist
- reduces weeds
- prevents soil compaction
- reduces mechanical damage from lawn mowers
- insulates the soil helping to provide a buffer from heat and cold temperatures

Free mulch: wood chips and mulch are available from the Glen Rock Recycling Center.

To apply mulch, spread 2-4 inches deep in a 3-ft or more radius around the tree. If possible, mulch out to the drip line of the tree (the edge of the branches). Don't create a mulch volcano! Avoid spreading mulch up to the trunk of the tree which can cause disease or mold to grow on the bark. Create a "donut" shape and leave several inches of space between the tree and the mulch ring.



Mulch wide—not deep.



"Mulch volcanoes" cause many problems for trees.

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