



Whitemarsh Tree Giveaway Proper Mulching Fall 2025



Why should I mulch my tree?

- Moderates soil temperature
- Reduces lawn mower damage
- Helps maintain soil moisture
- Keeps weeds and grass from competing with young trees
- Degrading mulch releases nutrients into the soil

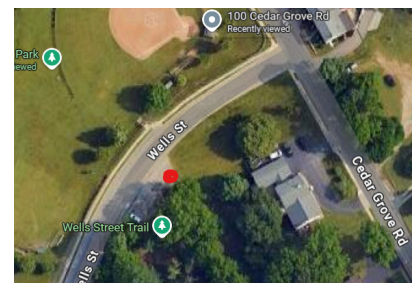
What should I mulch with?

Wood chips

Free township wood chips are available on Wells Street, across the street from Cedar Grove Park (red dot on map). Whatever you use, please avoid any dyes or chemicals or treatments!



<https://www.ecolandscaping.org/04/installing-and-maintaining-landscapes/mulching/eco-answers-from-the-pros-3/>



How do I mulch properly?

Follow 3-3-3! It's easy!

- Place the mulch/wood chips **3"** from the **root flare** which is above soil level. The mulch/wood chips should not touch the root flare.
- The mulch/wood chips should be **3"** **deep** to allow oxygen and water to percolate through to the roots.
- The mulch/wood chips donut should be **3'** **radius**, or as far as possible.



<https://www.treelafayette.org/mulching-around-trees/>

