



Too Much Mulch!

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Picture it. The landscapers just came and finished your lawn. The flowerbeds are in full bloom and you now have a beautiful tree in your yard. The stone borders are perfect. Taking a step back, this was the final touch your house needed to look like a model home from a magazine. Being so proud of this new addition to your property, you invite the family friends over for a cookout. To your dismay, on the heels of “Looks good!” your friend mentions, “You might want to take some of the mulch away from around your tree, it might kill it.”



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Beware of using too much mulch!

According to the University of Tennessee, too much mulch will cut off the oxygen supply and immobilize nutrients. Many times, mulch is mounded up around trees for aesthetics in landscaping. The repercussions from this mistake can be serious. The University of Tennessee reports that when there is too much mulch around trees, the roots rise to the surface of the soil looking for oxygen. Being exposed to the elements above ground, the roots are susceptible to drought, temperature extremes, and becoming a food source for soil pests.

How much is perfect? The University recommends mulch to be two to three inches deep with about a four feet diameter. They strongly recommend keeping the mulch away from touching the tree trunk and stems. Mulch increases moisture; too much moisture next to the trunk

of a tree invites disease and rodent problems.

Make your lawn beautiful! Plant trees, shrubs and flowers – just beware of too much mulch!

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