

## Proper Mulching Techniques

- Maintain a 2-3 inch layer of mulch around trees, shrubs and plants.
- Pull mulch 4-5 inches away from the base of all plants and trees.
- Avoid piling mulch around the base of trees.
- Mulch around trees should extend to the drip line or beyond.
- Apply mulch to new plants right after they are planted and watered in. Apply the mulch two times the width of the planting hole.
- Apply mulch to established plants to maintain the desired 2-3 inch depth.
- If mulch becomes matted, rake it to refresh it and allow air and water to penetrate.
- Avoid placing mulch around building foundations.

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## Organic Mulches



Keep moisture in the soil, help control weeds, and reduce stormwater runoff

# FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING™ RECOMMENDED MULCHES

## ***Pine Bark***

By-product of the forest industry  
Good retention of color  
Ground or nugget forms available

## ***Pine Straw***

By-product from pine plantations  
Good for areas that tend to wash as needles knit together  
Settles quickly

## ***Eucalyptus***

Comes from trees grown specifically for mulch  
Light brown color  
Shredded mulch, minimal settling

## ***Melaleuca***

Produced from invasive trees, heated to kill seeds  
Most termite resistant  
Light brown, shredded mulch  
Minimal settling

## ***Fallen Leaves***

Free, easily raked up from your yard  
Breaks down quickly

## ***Utility Mulch***

Often free from tree services, utility companies  
Could contain weed seeds

## Benefits of Mulch

- Maintains soil moisture
- Moderates soil temperature
- Suppresses weeds
- Helps reduce erosion
- Protects plants
- Adds beauty to the landscape
- Improves soil health
- Eases maintenance

