

How to Protect Your Tree



Watch your investment grow – keep your tree healthy and watch it thrive.

- Weeds and grass compete with trees for water and nutrients. Weeds can also produce a chemical which inhibits the growth of other plants, including trees.
- Keep a 4-foot circle around your young tree clear of grass, weeds, or other plants. Spread mulch in a 4-foot diameter around your tree, 4 inches away from the trunk, and 6 inches deep. The mulch will keep soil temperatures cool, retain water, and discourage weeds.
- Do not use weed trimmers or lawn mowers near the base of trees. Hand-pull weeds instead. When the thin bark of young trees is injured, the bark will split and die back. This can cause disease, unwanted pests, and sun damage to the bark.

[Tree planting tips and videos](#) are available [from the Sacramento Tree Foundation](#).