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Dear God please stop the mulch volcanoes!!

As we start the season, I figured I would start the Monday Messages with a seasonally appropriate topic.

MULCH VOLCANOES!!

We have all seen these. The mulch in a tree ring piled up high on the trunk so that it looks like the tree is erupting out of the middle. These are not only unsightly, but they are also unhealthy for the tree.



Think of it this way. The planting crew plants the tree one inch too deep and does not remove the burlap from the top of the root ball. And then they put three inches of mulch on top of the root ball. So now the root flare is three to four inches below the grade. (Mulch is dirt, as my old boss used to tell us as we mulched in material.) And now your crew comes back next year and freshens up all of the mulch on the jobsite. So another three inches of mulch is added to the top of this tree. This cycle repeats until the tree declines and someone starts to look for answers.

Now this will not kill the tree immediately. But it will give the tree a slow death. And it just looks bad. Please spend some extra time as we come into this mulching season and make sure that you are applying the correct amount of mulch in the correct spots.



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