

Mulch

Mulches improve soil organic matter, microbial populations and oxygen levels. They can also help to regulate soil temperature, maintain a good soil moisture and suppress weed growth.

Mulch trees with a coarse mulch annually in spring (5-10 cm depth, from the trunk to the dripline).

It is important to ensure that the mulch layer is not placed against the base of the trunk as this can create collar rot.

The best mulches have a carbon: nitrogen ratio of between 25:1 and 100:1. Composted coarse wood chip is a good mulch, such as the pruned limbs from your trees.

