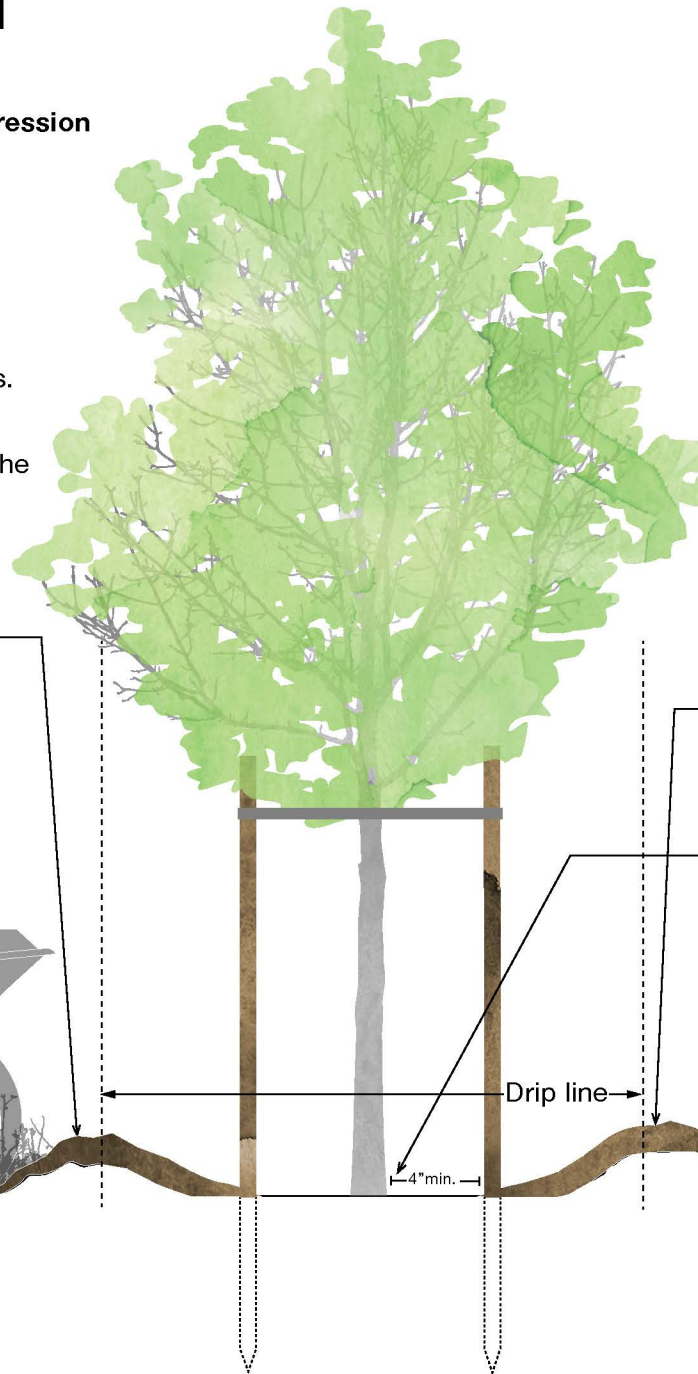


Benefits of Mulch

Water Retention, Soil Insulation, and Weed Suppression

- Mulch prevents the sun from drying out the soil after watering or a rain event, helping to retain soil moisture for a longer period of time.
 - Mulch insulates the soil from extreme heat and cold, helping to maintain healthy soil conditions.
 - Mulch helps suppress weeds that compete with the tree roots for water.
- The presence of fewer weeds also reduces maintenance costs, and increases the aesthetic appeal of the newly planted tree



Mulch Applications

- Use only organic materials 4" - 6" thick
- Apply a layer 2"- 3" thick inside the tree basin and covering the berm.
- Keep mulch 4" away from the trunk of the tree to avoid moisture building on the trunk, which can lead to trunk rot and fungal growth.