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MULCH SEASON BRIEF

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Depth and timing decide what mulch does.

Fall and winter are mulch season in Southwest Florida. The rains are ending, seasonal residents are returning, and a fresh layer at the correct depth does more for a landscape than any other single refresh of the year.

WHAT MULCH DOES FOR A PROPERTY

Holds moisture in the soil

Less evaporation means less irrigation and steadier water for roots through the dry season.

Keeps weeds down

A full 2–3 inch layer blocks the light weed seeds need to sprout, so beds stay clean between visits.

Moderates soil temperature

Keeps roots cooler in summer heat and buffers them on cold winter nights.

Protects soil and prevents erosion

Softens heavy rain, reduces runoff and keeps soil from splashing onto walks and buildings.

Feeds the soil as it breaks down

Organic mulch adds organic matter over time, improving soil structure and plant health.

PROPER PRACTICE

01

Why fall and winter

Southwest Florida's dry season runs from late fall into spring. A fresh layer laid down as the rains end holds soil moisture through the driest months, when rainfall is lowest and plants depend most on what the soil can store.

02

Depth is the specification that matters

The standard is a 2- to 3-inch layer on plant beds, pulled back from the base of plants and kept at least 2 inches from tree trunks to prevent rot. Too thin and weeds return; piled against trunks, it invites decay.

03

More is not better

Mulch piled against trunks, or built up past three inches over the years, keeps bark wet and invites rot. Over a tree's root ball, an inch or less is all that belongs. Old buildup is thinned before new material goes down.

04

A seasonal refresh, not a one-time job

Organic mulch breaks down as it feeds the soil, so the layer thins over the year and needs replenishing to keep doing its work. A refresh each season keeps beds at full depth.





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CHOOSING A MULCH

The right choice is a sustainably harvested mulch such as melaleuca, pine straw or eucalyptus. Cypress mulch is not recommended, because it may not be harvested sustainably.

HOW NEWSCAPE HANDLES IT

- Beds installed at a consistent 2–3 inch depth, measured, not estimated
- Old buildup thinned and material pulled back from trunks and plant bases
- Walks, curbs and hardscape blown clear before the crew leaves
- Every bed left clean, with debris removed from the property



The Next Step

Every property is different. Questions about the beds at your community are always welcome.

Email Service@NewScapeFL.com or use the Contact form at [NewScapeFL.com](https://www.NewScapeFL.com).

Our job is to make your job easier.

Resources: UF/IFAS Extension, Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program, Principle 4: Mulch (fl.ifas.ufl.edu).

