

NEWSLETTER

HELPING TREES BE HEALTHY

Although Goshen County Weed & Pest doesn't specialize in tree health, we work hard to research the topic. It is typical to see browning, unhealthy trees after cold winter months. Here are some helpful hints on how to help young and old trees thrive come spring!

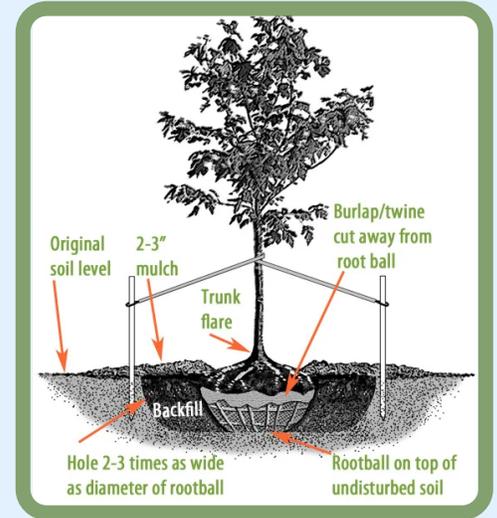
Help young trees survive winter

Proper planting: when planting potted trees be sure to *cut circling roots* vertically down root ball. *Remove packaging* material and plant tree with the *trunk flare* just above the soil line.

Lack of water: lawn sprinkler systems **do not** adequately water trees.
Tip: water trees slowly, 10 gallons per inch of stem per week.

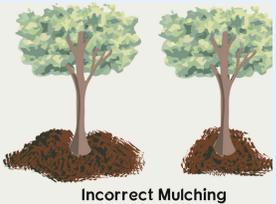
Turf competition: Turf acts as a big competitor for available water and nutrients. Grasses shouldn't be planted directly next to tree trunk.

Trunk damage: young trees have thin bark, which is easily damaged. Be cautious when mowing or weed eating.

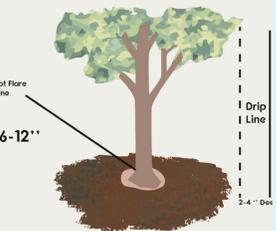


Importance of mulching

Mulch not only protects your tree, it also reduces the amount of water that evaporates from the soil and acts as an insulating layer. This keeps the soil cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.



Incorrect Mulching



Proper Mulching Method

Correct mulching: Consider mulching a large area around the tree with wood chips or rock, 3-4 inch depth, and keeping it away from the trunk.

Tree owners easiest mistake!

Bark can be easily damaged. Lawn mowers and string trimmers are hard on trees!

A reckless mower operator can kill several trees during one mowing cycle. Eliminate the risk of damaging trees by using the mulching practices mentioned above.

Looking to plant new trees in your yard visit www.cheyennetrees.com/_pdfs/2015/July%202015/TreesforCheyenne.pdf and find your next tree that can survive the Wyoming weather!

MEET GCWP BOARD MEMBER KACEY BOOTH

Kacey Booth was appointed to the GCWP Board in 2017, he covers area 2 of Goshen County commonly called Goshen Hole. His family homesteaded on Cherry Creek in 1949, where Kacey is the third-generation on the Booth Cherry Creek Ranch.

What do you find most helpful about GCWP?

It is helpful that GCWP try's to find ways to help out every landowner within the county by finding new cost-share programs.

Which GCWP program does your family ranch use?

We take advantage of the prairie dog program and cost-share on noxious weeds. It has helped us manage both populations.

Why do you enjoy being on the GCWP Board?

I think everyone should be on a board at some point in their life, I've learned a lot being a part of this board.

We appreciate all that Kacey does for GCWP and its programs!

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