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Mulch Resources

Mulch Resources from Ben Faber, Ph.D., UCCE Farm Advisor

Questions and comments always come up about the use of mulch in orchards. Mulch has its benefits and drawbacks and they need to be recognized in order to manage it. It serves to combat erosion and root rot, but it can also burn. Mulch and wood piled up against tree trunks and near trunks can cause damage to those trunks. A Fillmore grower actually goes through the orchard with a blower to move mulch away from trunks when alerted to fire. On the other hand, irrigated orchards have been shown to be effective at suppressing fire encroaching on homes. And mulches can suppress weeds and reduce water use, but it's possible that importing material for mulch can introduce weeds.

So where to read more about fire? Check out some of the blogs from the past.

Mulch and green waste applied to orchards

- [Green Waste, Yard Waste, Whatever You Call It- It has Simple Rules for Use](#)
- [A Safer Source of Inexpensive Orchard Mulch](#)
- [Avocado planting holes](#)
- [Cellulase Production by Various Sources of Mulch](#)
- [A Caution on Free "Compost/Mulch"](#)
- [A Safer Source of Inexpensive Orchard Mulch](#)
- [Mulch, Avocados and the Home Garden](#)
- [Mature Compost Does NOT Kill Phytophthora](#)
- [Use of Mulch in Organic Orchards Called into Question](#)

Mulches for Landscapes

- [Mulch and Landscapes](#)
- [Combustibility of Landscape Mulches](#)

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