

Dear Resident, Local landscape companies have been contacted and informed that they may not **Volcano Mulch** any trees on a tree lawn or trees in the village right-of-way. **Volcano Mulching** is an improper mulching technique where mulch is piled high against the trunk of a tree. It causes a noticeable decrease in the health of a tree. Mulch should **NOT** touch the trunk of the tree, nor be over 3 inches in depth.

**Volcano mulching may cause**

- *Disease and decay due to moisture retention on the trunk*
- *Insect damage*
- *Rodent damage*
- *Girdling roots*
- *Conditions too damp for the roots or soil that is too dry.*
- *Failure to develop a normal root flare which stabilizes the tree.*

Additional information on the economic and social value of trees can be found on the Chagrin Falls Village website.



Credit: International Society of Arboriculture