



## **Mulch and Weed Control**

Bed maintenance is very important both aesthetically and for maintaining the overall health of your plantings. Keeping a 3” layer of hardwood mulch over the root zone of trees & shrubs and a 2” layer around perennials & groundcovers, helps retain moisture in drought, decrease weed problems, add organic matter to the soil and protect roots from harsh temperatures. Use of a pre-emergent herbicide like Preen can help control germinating weeds in plant beds. Apply by April 1st and again in June, if necessary. Always read the label and follow instructions.