



The Backyard Orchard – Citrus Module 3.3 Annual Maintenance: Weed Control & Mulching



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Course

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Weed Control & Mulching

From This



To This



And This



Weed Control – Why?

- Weeds compete for water and nutrients
- Weeds can be hosts for insects and disease organisms
- Weeds are unsightly

Weed Control – How?

- Hand pulling or mechanical removal
- Herbicides – Read and Follow Labels
- Mulch

Mulching – Why?

- Weed Control
- Moisture Retention
- Modulate soil temperature (mulch color)
- Tree Protection
- Esthetics



Mulching – How?



- Between 3" & 4" deep
- Can use organic or artificial mulch (Organic will improve soil)
- Replenish regularly to maintain depth
- Do Not pile up against trunk (volcano mulching)



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