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# News

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## **Parks Department Offering Free Mulch**

The Lake Havasu City Parks Department is offering free organic mulch made from chips generated by the city's tree maintenance program. Residents can help themselves to the mulch from the container located in the vacant lot south of the Aquatic Center, near the corner of Park Avenue and State Route 95.

A bed of mulch placed around trees and shrubs reduces landscape water demands, minimizes weed growth and keeps landscape plants healthy. Late spring is the best time of year to apply mulch in Lake Havasu City.

The free organic mulch consists mainly of wood chips derived from pine, palo verde, eucalyptus, mesquite, and cottonwood trees. It contains both major and minor mineral elements essential for plant growth, and enriches and improves the soil as it decomposes.

"Mulching shrubs and trees in and around the city's parks and streetscapes has helped us conserve water because the soil loses less moisture to evaporation," said parks supervisor Bill Morrison.

Mulch has the added benefit of keeping the soil aerated so less water runs off, reducing erosion and protecting plants from soil-borne diseases, Morrison said.

Mulch should be applied two to four inches deep and kept several inches away from plants and trees to prevent bark decay.

For details, contact Bill Morrison at 855-1851.

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