



SPEAK FOR THE TREES, Boston

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Lesson Title	Mulching: How to do it and its benefits
Lesson Objective(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teach students what mulching is - Explain the benefits of mulching - Demonstrate how to mulch and have students learn to do it themselves
Essential Question(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is mulch? - Why is mulching important for trees? - How can we mulch a tree the right way?
Key Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mulch - Tree Equity - Urban Forestry
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mulch - Gloves - Garbage bags - Tree ID guides - Carts

Lesson (2 hours)

Introductions (10-15 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have students introduce themselves - Icebreaker
Intro to SFFT & Mulching (30 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of tree equity & urban forestry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How are trees distributed in Boston (tree equity) - What is Urban Forestry? - Benefits of trees - Why street trees? - Step by step on how to mulch properly. Refer to PowerPoint
Mulching (30 - 50 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Find trees to mulch - Demonstration, engaging students with questions along the way on the process. - Have students split up into smaller groups and mulch trees - Make sure students weed if necessary
Clean Up (5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Return supplies & clean up



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Evaluate (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Wrap up by having students summarize what they learned in a group discussion- Hand out tree ID guides to students & encourage them to practice tree ID on their own