

Mulching woodland trails

The City of Waterloo works with the neighbourhood, community groups and corporate teams to mulch woodland trails in parks as a one-time stewardship activity.

We deliver coarse wood chips to woodland trail entrances and participants use wheelbarrows, bins and garden rakes to move and spread mulch onto the trail.

Spreading a thick layer of mulch on woodland trails encourages trail users to stay on the path, preventing soil compaction and erosion throughout the woodland. Mulch is especially helpful in soaking up excess moisture in lowland areas.



Group participants

- Group Leader must be 18 years of age or older; activity is geared to ages 14+ years.
- Minimum of 10 and maximum of 25 participants per group.
- Moderate physical exertion required such as bending, walking, lifting up to 20 lbs and pushing wheelbarrows filled with wood chip mulch.

Time and place

- Woodland trails that have a mulched surface within parks in Waterloo.
- July to September when the ground is dry and before the fall leaves cover the trails.
- A two-hour activity, preferably during the weekday between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or a weekday afternoon directly after 4 p.m.