

MULCH LAW

Effective April 15th, 2025

Below is the New Mulch Fire Code.

Residents must have mulch removed at least 18" away from their homes.

New Jersey Uniform Fire Code

N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 305.6 Landscape Materials

The use of combustible landscape materials, such as wood-based mulch products, is prohibited in any of the following conditions:

1. Within 18 inches of any building or structure.
2. Within 18 inches of a deck, porch, balcony, or any other portion of the building constructed of combustible material.

Exception:

1. Live plant material such as shrubs, flowers, and trees, provided they are not located within 18 inches of the building or structure or beneath a combustible overhang with less than 6 feet of clearance.
2. Non-combustible building or structure exteriors such as brick that have no combustible components or trim with less than 3 feet clearance from grade.
3. Fire-resistant mulch.
4. Dirt or Stone.