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FABRIC TREE MATS

1. Clear away weeds, grass, woody brush, etc. from around the seedling.
The better contact the fabric tree mat makes with the ground, the better the performance and weed control that can be expected.
2. Carefully guide the "X" in the center of the tree mat down over the seedling.
3. Center the seedling in the "X".
4. Staple the center of the fabric so that the material is not touching the stem of the seedling.
 - a. The center staple anchors the mat so that it won't move during windy conditions.
 - b. Rubbing of the fabric against the seedling will cause harmful abrasion damage to the seedlings.
 - c. Do not allow the fabric mat to touch the base of the seedling stem to help avoid heat damage to the base of the seedling during hot, sunny weather.
 - d. One or more of the fabric flaps may be folded under to help avoid contact with the seedling stem.
5. Spread the mat flat and staple each corner.
For additional strength and security, fold the corners of the mat over to form a small triangle before installing the 4 corner staples through 2 layers of material.