

# MULCHING

## Proper mulching:

- ✓ Mulching is covering the soil surface with a material, preferably an organic material which protects the soil
- ✓ Leave 10cm from the coffee stem for preventing termites

## The proper time of mulching is :

- After weeding
- Before the end of rainy period and soil dries
- in Rwanda, the proper time of mulching is May-June

## Benefits of mulching:

- Retention of soil moisture
- Prevention of soil erosion
- Improves water infiltration into the soil
- Suppression of weeds species
- Prevents soil-born diseases

Mulching with cover crop some species which can fix Nitrogen has an added benefits

