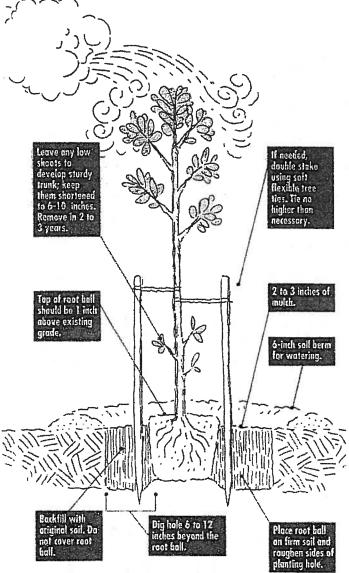


1. SELECTING THE TREE:

Choose the right tree for the right place!

- Do not plant large trees under power lines.
- Consider impact of root system --roughly the size of canopy-on sidewalks and sewers.
- Determine shade needs: large canopies for parks and open roadways; smaller trees for sidewalks and parking lots.
- Consider local climate and watering needs use native trees whenever possible.
- At the nursery, pick healthy trees that show new growth, have good branching structure, and are not root-bound.



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TREE CARE GUIDE

Tree Planting

2. PLANTING THE TREE

Do not plant during the summer heat!

- Plant trees preferably in late fall or early spring when the soil is moderately wet but not soggy.
- Dig hole 2-3 times the diameter of the root ball and 1-2" shallower than the root ball. Break up compacted soil and sides of planting hole.
- Remove root ball from container by cutting container and/or lifting by base of trunk be careful to keep root ball intact. If ball has root bound circling roots, massage or cut roots loose.
- Balance tree in planting hole. Check depth base of trunk 1-2" above surrounding ground level.
- Refill the hole with soil and gently tamp.
- Remove any tree wrap, string, and labels on tree.

3. STAKING THE TREE

Do not strangle the tree!

- Stake and brace only if top heavy, at an extremely windy site or in a heavily-trafficked area.
- Use proper tree stakes to avoid damaging roots.
- Use two stakes, one on each side of root ball. Place the stakes so that they are at right angles to the prevailing winds.
- Tie tree LOOSELY with proper tree ties. Place the ties (usually 2) so that the top of the tree MOVES FREELY (4-6 inches) in the wind. Place the ties no higher than necessary.
- MPORTANT: Remove original nursery stake from the tree trunk.

4. MULCHING/WATERING THE TREE

Do not let newly planted trees dry out!

- Spread 2-3" of composted material (wood chips, leaves) at least to the diameter of the tree canopy. Leave a circle of bare soil around the trunk.
- Water deeply if no rain in the forecast.Do not forget about your tree after planting!
- Deep water regularly during the first few growing seasons.

 Allow water to run slowly, thoroughly soaking the root zone.
- Keep lawn mowers and string trimmers away from trees to avoid wounding trunk.
- Do NOT use herbicides within the canopy of the tree.
- Replace mulch as needed to keep grass and weeds from competing with tree.
- Remove stakes and ties after one year, unless site is extremely windy. DO NOT stake longer than two years.

5. PRUNING -- Careful with pruning!

- Prune dead or injured branches immediately; always cut close to the collar at a branching point (see guide).
- Prune carefully beginning in the second growing season for good structure and strength (see guide).
- NEVER TOP TREES!