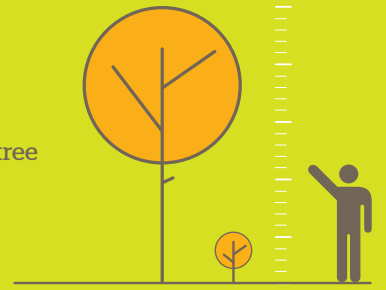


1 Site Selection and Preparation

Plant for the future!

It is a good idea to do some extra research about the species of your new tree with a quick google search

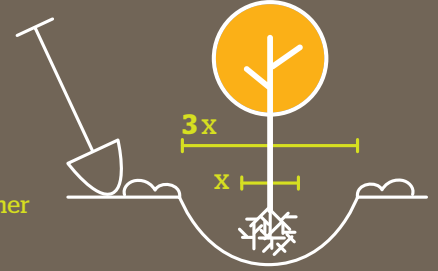
- Consider how big your tree will grow.
- Consider powerlines, sidewalks, nearby buildings, and other trees.



2 Digging A Hole

Site Preparation.

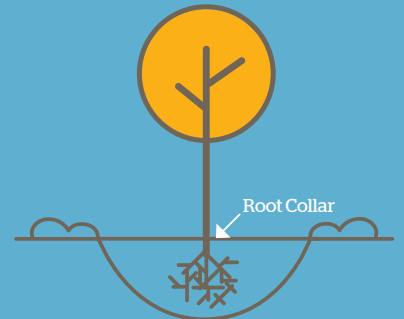
- Dig a saucer-shaped hole 3-4 times the width of the seedling's container - this loosens the soil for easier root growth.
- The depth of the hole should be slightly shallower than the container



3 Planting

Planting Tips.

- Turn the potted tree on its side, and roll back and forth on the ground to loosen root/soil mass from container.
- Push base of container to loosen tree. Remove tree from container.
- Massage root/soil mass to loosen the tree's roots.
- Place the tree in the middle of the hole so the root collar (where the roots meet the trunk) sits just at ground level.
- Ensure the tree is in an upright position.
- Fill the hole with the soil that was dug out. Firm the soil with your hands or feet, but avoid extreme compaction!

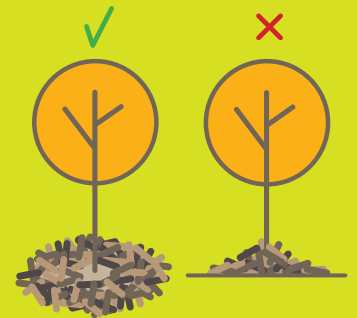


4 Mulching

How to Mulch Your Tree.

- Apply mulch in a donut shape around the base of the tree extending as far out as the crown of the tree.
- Mulch should be applied in a layer that is roughly two inches deep.
- **Avoid mulch volcanoes!** Do not place mulch up against the trunk, since this can rot the tree's trunk.

*Mulch will protect your tree's roots from extreme hot or cold temperatures, maintain moisture, and prevent damage from weed whackers or lawn mowers.



5 Watering

How to water your tree.

- To test whether your tree needs watering, dig your fingers into the soil about two inches deep at the base of the tree.
- If the soil is dry, your tree needs watering.
- Turn your hose on at a trickle.
- Place the hose at the base of the tree and allow for slow, deep watering. Leave your hose on for 45 minutes.

*If you do not have a hose, drill a small hole in the bottom of a bucket, fill the bucket with water and place at the base of your tree.

