



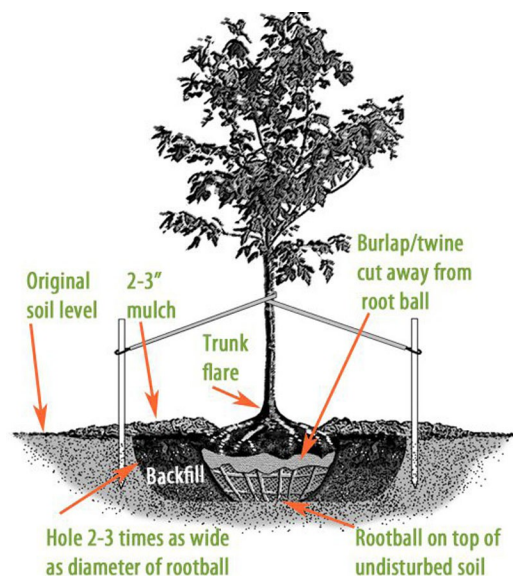
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How to Plant a Tree

Planting a tree is one of the most joyful things we can do as gardeners. Trees give so much to the garden and they are there for so long, strict care must be taken to plant them properly giving them the best possible start.

Without doubt, the most important thing for a newly planted tree is water. Without ample water, the tree will struggle - and possibly even die - if it is not watered properly while it becomes established. Correct depth is another factor and the soil beneath the tree ball, as well as the creation of a berm to hold water and direct it to the roots.

Allowing the tree to move freely in the wind will also further its chances of increasing its girth and thriving. Being careful not to allow any mulch to touch the stem, thus keeping the bark moist, will lessen the chances of disease. All these factors will effect the health of the tree and give it the best possible start in its long life in the garden.



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