How to Plant a Container Grown Tree

1. Cut and remove tags.

2. Inspect for: (A) Dead, (B) Damaged, or (C) Crossing branches. If found, call block captain for pruning.

3. Two shovels can be used to measure planting depth, "D." Ask block captain to demonstrate how.

4. Locate center of tree within pit.

5. Dig hole no deeper than height of soil in container.

6. Check hole depth using crossed shovels (see #3).

7. Stop. Have block captain check hole depth before proceeding.

8. Remove the container. Hold the container down here and gently pull up on trunk here.

9. If tree does not lift out easily:
   1) Lay tree on side.
   2) Briefly kneel on container here to loosen root ball.
   3) Then pull gently here.
   4) Roll and repeat, if necessary.

10. Score the root ball. Viewed from above - using utility knife, make 6 evenly-spaced shallow cuts less than 1" deep down the outer layer of the root ball.

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12. Lower tree into pit.

13. Rotate tree in pit to align longest branches parallel to curb.


15. Complete back-filling hole.

16. Mulch the tree with wood chips.

17. Stake the tree (optional).

18. Water the tree.

Enjoy your tree!