

How to Plant a Bare Root Tree

LAY TREE ON SIDE #1

INSPECT FOR:
 (A) DEAD,
 (B) DAMAGED, OR
 (C) CROSSING BRANCHES

IF FOUND, CALL BLOCK CAPTAIN FOR PRUNING

REMOVE TAG

HOLD TREE UPRIGHT #2

UNWRAP PLASTIC TO EXPOSE ROOT SYSTEM

SEPARATE AND SPREAD ROOTS

CONSULT WITH BLOCK CAPTAIN AND LOCATE ROOT FLARE #3

DETERMINE PLANTING DEPTH #4

HOLD TREE UPRIGHT

MEASURE FROM ROOT FLARE TO BOTTOM OF ROOTS

"D"

LOCATE CENTER OF TREE WITHIN PIT #5

TREE PIT VIEWED FROM ABOVE

STREET CURB PAVEMENT

3 FT. MINIMUM

PIT

[NOTE: 3 FT. MINIMUM GIVES CLEARANCE FOR CAR DOORS]

DETERMINE ORIENTATION OF TREE #6

ROTATE TREE IN PIT TO ALIGN LONGEST BRANCHES PARALLEL TO CURB

BRANCHES VIEWED FROM ABOVE

STREET CURB PAVEMENT

PIT

LONGEST BRANCHES

DETERMINE SHAPE OF HOLE TO DIG #7

GENTLY SPREAD OUT ROOTS, THEN DIG HOLE SHAPE TO MATCH

ROOTS VIEWED FROM ABOVE

STREET CURB PAVEMENT

PIT

DIG HOLE FOR TREE #8

STREET CURB PAVEMENT

"D"

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CAUTION

WHEN BACK FILLING HOLE WITH SOIL
AIR POCKETS MUST BE ELIMINATED

TO AVOID AIR POCKETS:

- 1- USING HANDS, BREAK UP CLUMPED SOIL AND SPRINKLE OVER ROOTS
- 2- PERIODICALLY SHAKE THE TRUNK UP AND DOWN TO HELP SETTLE SOIL

#10

POSITION TREE FOR BACK FILLING

SUSPEND TREE OVER HOLE
WITH ROOT FLARE EVEN
WITH GROUND LEVEL

MAKE SURE TRUNK
IS VERTICAL

EXTEND ROOTS TO FULL
LENGTH WITHOUT CURLING,
CROSSING, OR TWISTING

STREET CURB PAVEMENT

#11

BACK FILL THE HOLE WITH SOIL

STOP BACK FILLING
WHEN HOLE IS 3/4
FULL WITH SOIL

-THEN-

FILL PIT WITH WATER,
ALLOW TO SOAK IN
COMPLETELY

STREET CURB PAVEMENT

#12

COMPLETE BACK FILLING

TAMP SOIL LIGHTLY

DO NOT BURY
ROOT FLARE

STREET CURB PAVEMENT

#13

MULCH TREE WITH WOOD CHIPS

FORM A
MULCH "DONUT"
3' TO 4" THICK

DO NOT BURY
ROOT FLARE

STREET CURB PAVEMENT

#14

STAKE THE TREE (OPTIONAL)

STREET CURB PAVEMENT

#15

WATER THE TREE

WATER AT LEAST
10 GALLONS,
TWICE A WEEK
FOR 1ST TWO YEARS

ENJOY
YOUR
TREE!

STREET CURB PAVEMENT



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