

# HOW TO PLANT YOUR NEW YARD TREE

**Before digging, call Dig Safely Oregon at 1-800-332-2344 to locate underground utilities.**

These instructions are to help you plant trees on private property. Street trees – trees planted in the public right-of-way – require additional considerations. For more information about planting street trees, visit Portland Parks Urban Forestry at [www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/65394](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/65394)

Before placing tree in hole, remove any broken or dead branches and double leaders. Always prune using proper pruning technique. Learn more about pruning at [www.treesaregood.org/treeowner/pruningyourtrees.aspx](http://www.treesaregood.org/treeowner/pruningyourtrees.aspx)

Remove any twine, tape or tags.

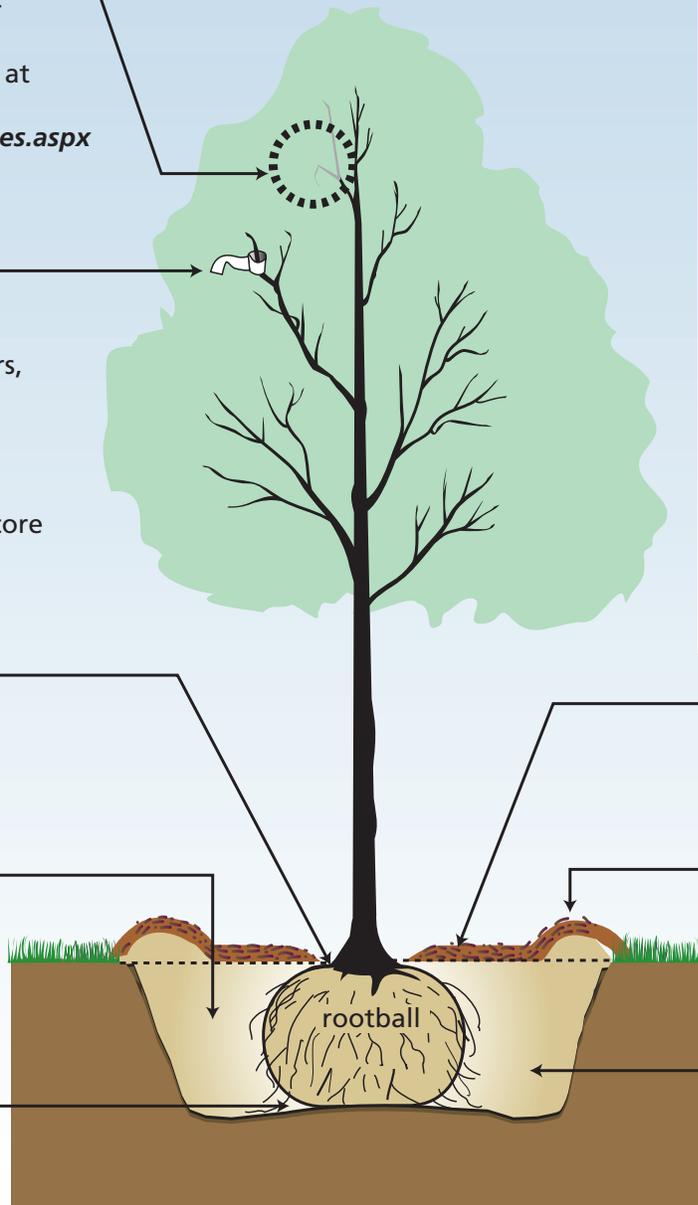
Carefully remove containers, wrappings, wires and ties from rootball.

For container trees, loosen outside roots by hand or score with a knife. Unwrap any circling roots.

Set root flare at or slightly above grade. Remove excess soil to expose root flare, if necessary.

Dig hole at least two times the rootball diameter.

Set the rootball on undisturbed soil to prevent settling.



## Help your tree grow strong and healthy

- Give your new tree at least **10 GALLONS** of water every week for the first two summers (May–September). For the third summer, water every other week or as needed.
- Reapply mulch as necessary to maintain 3-4 inch depth. Keep weeds and grass from growing in the mulch area to reduce competition for water and nutrients
- If staked, check periodically to make sure ties are not damaging the bark. Remove stakes when tree feels sturdy.



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