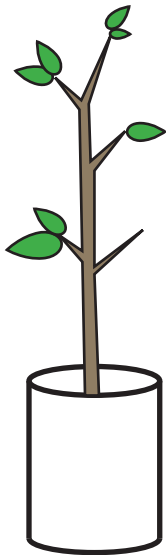


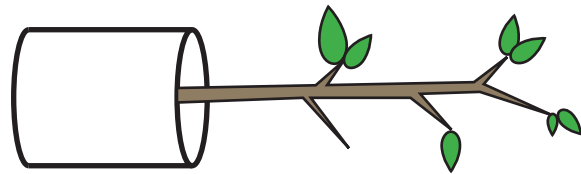
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Container Grown Tree Planting Guide

How to plant a tree video: Trees.Nashville.gov



Pick the tree up by the container, not by the tree

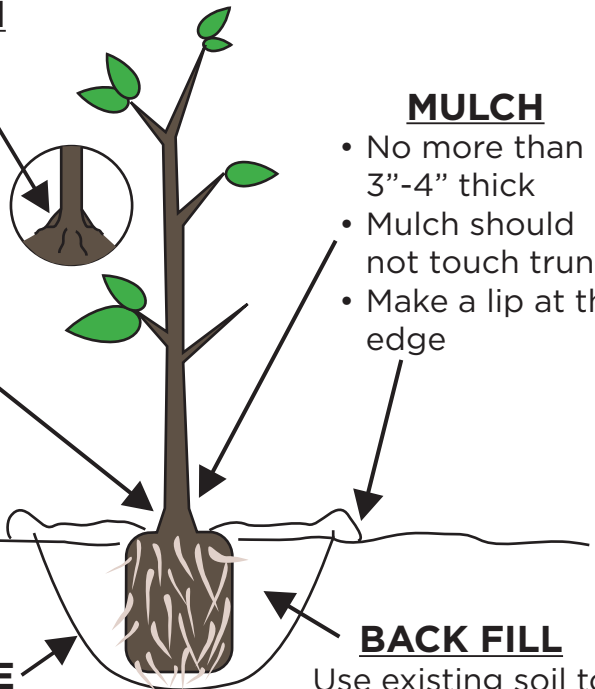


FOR EASE OF REMOVING THE ROOTS FROM THE CONTAINER

Gently roll it on its side. Put pressure on all sides of the container to loosen the inside root ball. This may require a lot of pressure and stomping on it with your feet.

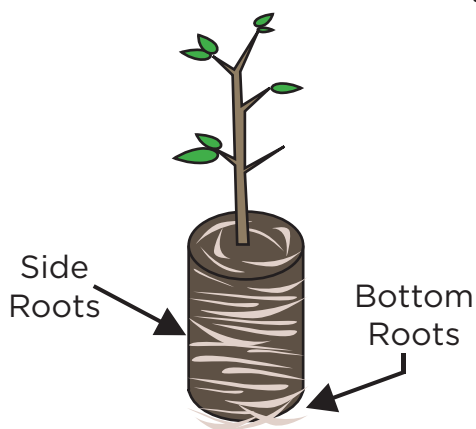
PLANTING DEPTH

Find the root flare where the trunk meets the roots. Place the tree in the hole so that the root flare is 2" higher than the surrounding ground level.



MULCH

- No more than 3"-4" thick
- Mulch should not touch trunk
- Make a lip at the edge



CIRCLING ROOTS

Redirect outwards any circling side or bottom roots and separate matted roots. You may have to be tenacious and use a shovel, pick, knife, and hands.

DIG HOLE

- Just about as deep as the roots
- Twice the width of the roots with sloping sides

BACK FILL

Use existing soil to fill in around the root ball. Do not tamp.

WATER THOROUGHLY AT TIME OF PLANTING. WATER DEEPLY FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS DURING THE GROWING SEASON AND IN FUTURE TIMES OF DROUGHT.

