

Tree Planting & Care Tips

Steps to Properly Plant a Tree

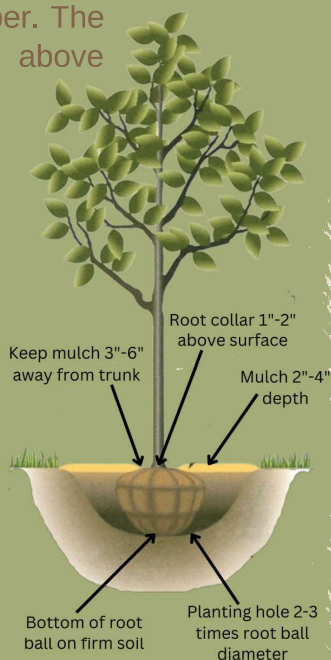
Step 1: Determine where the root collar is located within the root ball by carefully removing soil to expose the root collar.

Step 2: Dig a hole 2 to 3 times wider than the root ball, but no deeper. The root collar should be 1"-2" above finished grade.

Step 3: Remove all tags, ribbons and trunk guards. Gently guide the tree into the planting hole.

Step 4: Remove twine, clip and fold down wire basket and trim burlap. Remove at least the top third or more of the basket and twine. If planting a containerized tree, remove the entire pot.

Step 5: Back fill planting space with soil. Water thoroughly to eliminate air pockets. Do not tamp!



Caring for Your Trees

Watering:

- Water as needed throughout the growing season, approximately one inch per week.

Mulching:

- Apply 2"-4" of woody mulch over the root zone.
- Pull the mulch 3"-6" away from the trunk. Mulch should not touch the tree trunk.

Staking:

- Most trees do not need to be staked.
- If necessary, loop wide webbing straps around the trunk of the tree and secure ends to stakes. Straps should be loose enough so the tree is allowed to move in the wind.
- Remove materials after one year.

Pruning:

- Less is better.
- Remove only dead, broken, diseased or rubbing branches.

Recommended Tree Species List

The Urban Forestry Board recommends the following species of trees for planting in your yard:

- American Linden (*Tilia americana*)
- Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)
- Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)
- Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*)
- Kentucky Coffeetree (*Gymnocladus dioica*)
- River Birch (*Betula nigra*)
- Honeylocust (*Gleditsia triacanthos*)
- American Larch (*Larix laricina*)
- Pin Cherry (*Prunus pensylvanica*)
- Allegheny Serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis*)
- Blackhaw Viburnum (*Viburnum prunifolium*)
- Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)
- Merrill Magnolia (*Magnolia loebneri*)
- Pagoda Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*)

A more extensive list of recommended trees can be found online at www.menomonie-wi.gov/trees.

Menomonie Forestry Program

The Community Services Department manages the City Forestry program. They perform the following duties to manage the City's urban forest in parks and public right-of-way:

- Tree Planting
- Tree Removal
- Stump Grinding
- Tree Pruning
- Gravel Tree Bed Nursery
- Maintain Tree Inventory



Learn more about the City's forestry program at www.menomonie-wi.gov/forestry.

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