

Tree Planting Guide

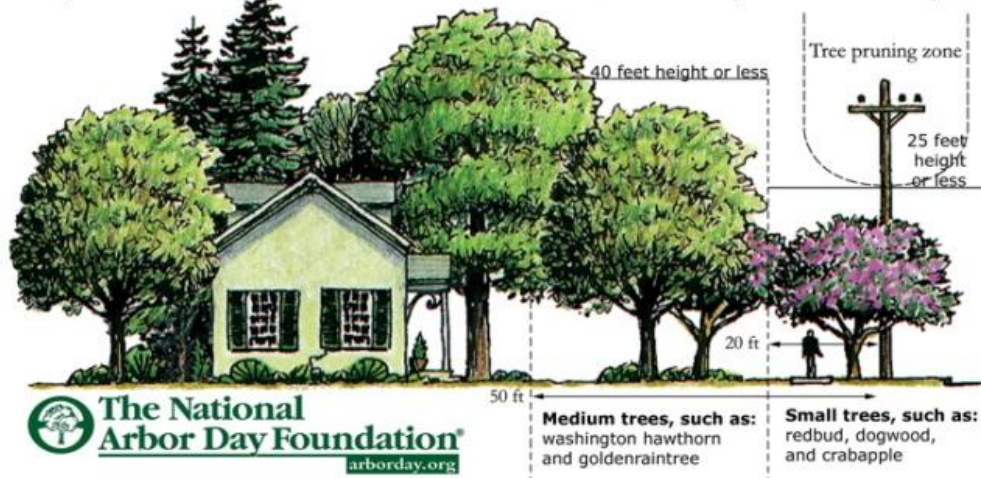
Site Selection:

Ensure that your new tree will do well by picking a site that is large enough for it to thrive well into adulthood. Check to see the projected mature size of your tree and look for a place on your property that will

Tall trees, such as:
maple, oak, spruce,
and pine

Plant the right tree in the right place

Plant taller trees away from overhead utility lines

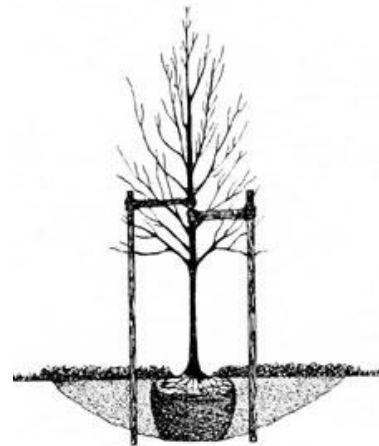


accommodate its full-grown size. Tree removal can be very expensive and planting a good tree in a bad location will hurt both you and it in the long run. Avoid planting large trees under power lines. Unless you are prepared to do substantial tree pruning in the future, avoid planting large trees too close to your house where branches may rub against the roof or provide handy ladders that might tempt squirrels to renovate your attic into their winter vacation home. Please also consider your neighbor when planting a tree and ensure that your new tree does not become a future problem for them either.

Digging the Hole:

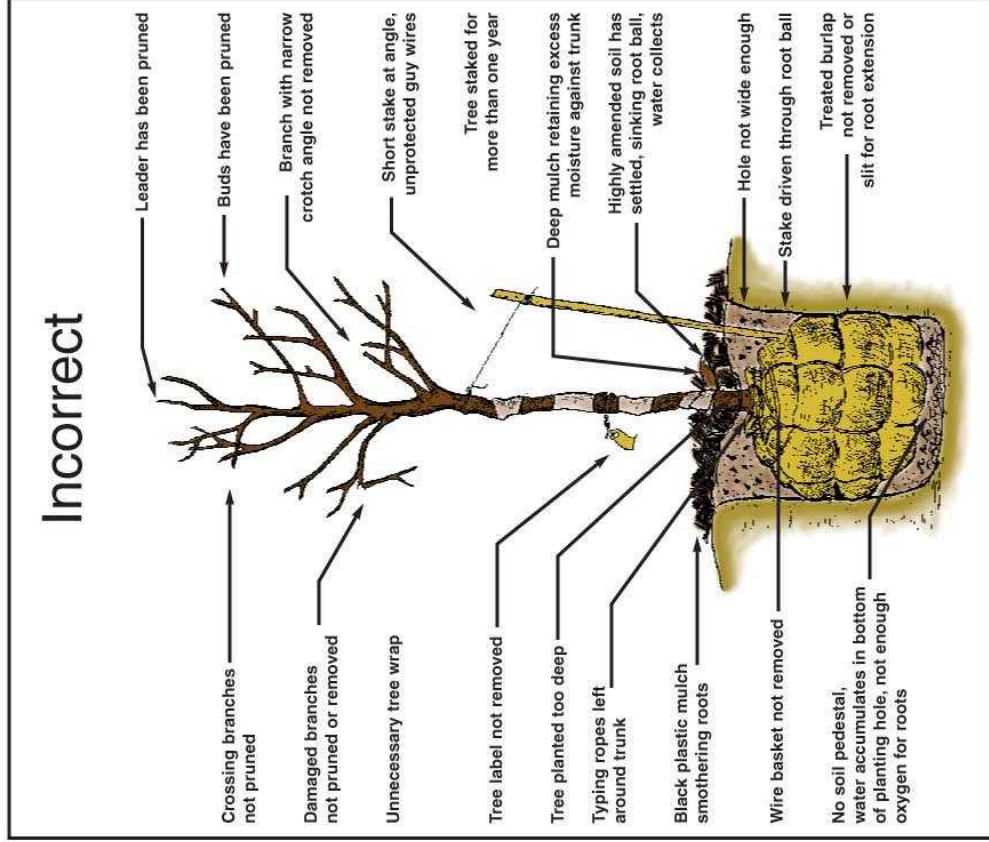
The most common mistake when planting a tree is a digging hole, which is both too deep and too narrow. Too deep and the roots don't have access to sufficient oxygen to ensure proper growth. Too narrow and the root structure can't expand sufficiently to nourish and properly anchor the tree.

As a general rule, trees should be transplanted no deeper than the soil in which they were originally grown. The width of the hole should be at least 3 times the diameter of the root ball or container or the spread of the roots in the case of bare root trees. This will provide the tree with enough worked earth for its root structure to establish itself. When digging in poorly drained clay soil, it is important to avoid 'glazing'. Glazing occurs when the sides and bottom of a hole become smoothed forming a barrier, through which water has difficulty passing. To break up the glaze, use a fork to work the bottom and drag the points along the sides of the completed hole. Also, raise the center bottom of the hole slightly higher than the surrounding area. This allows water to disperse, reducing the possibility of water pooling in the planting zone.

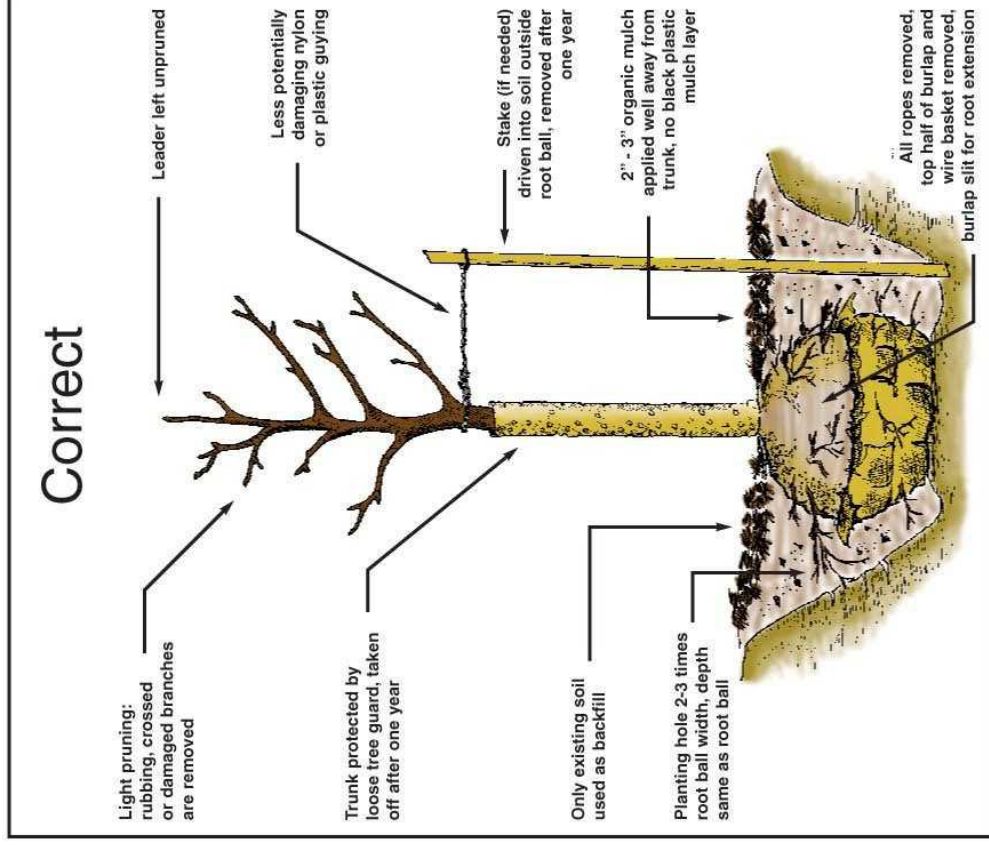


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To ensure healthy trees, start with Right Tree/Right Location. Once you select a tree suited for your site and its microclimate, be sure to plant the tree correctly!



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