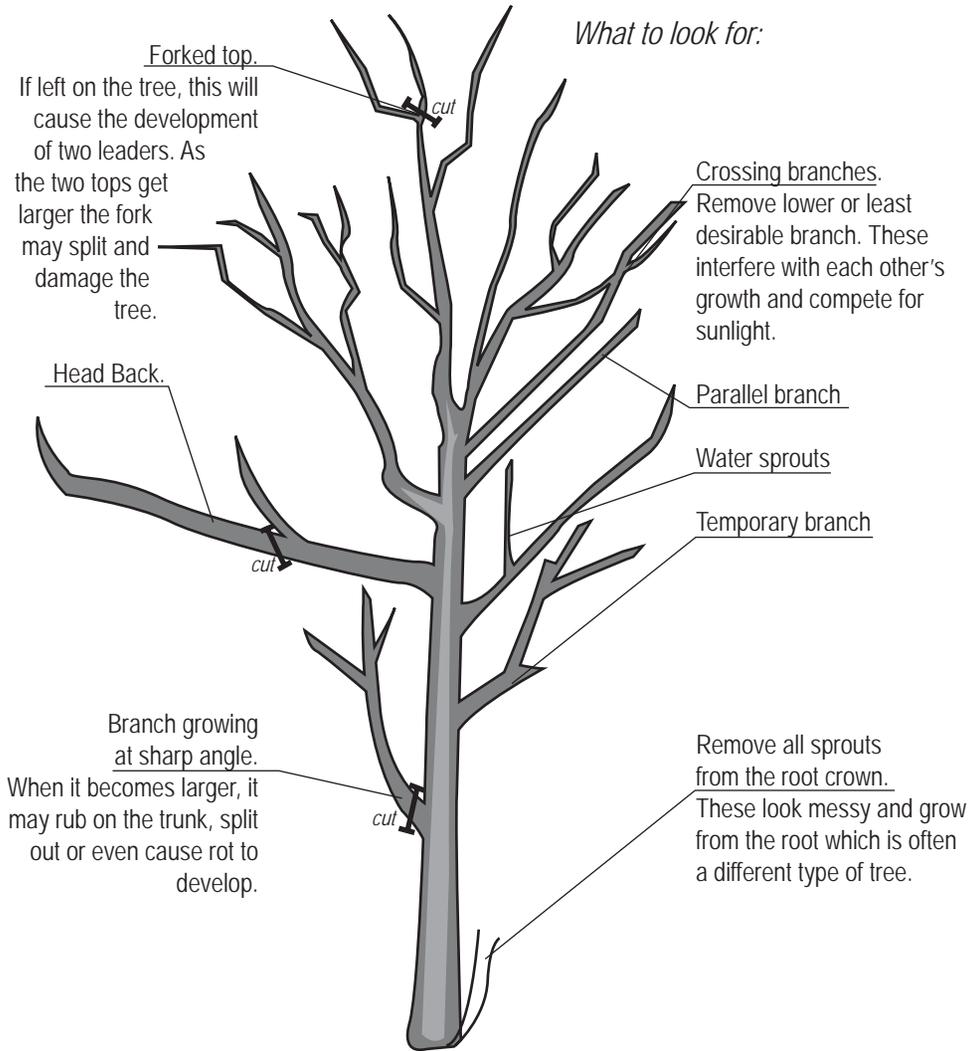


Pruning Tips

What to look for:



Go Easy on those Shears!

Prune lightly this year - only broken or damaged branches.

Prune suckers at the base of the tree yearly.

NEVER prune more than 1/4 of the foliage in any one year.

Retain small branches low on the trunk for 3 years. This will help thicken the trunk for a sturdier tree.

www.seattle.gov/transportation.pruningguides.htm

Tree Planting

TIPS

Call before you dig!

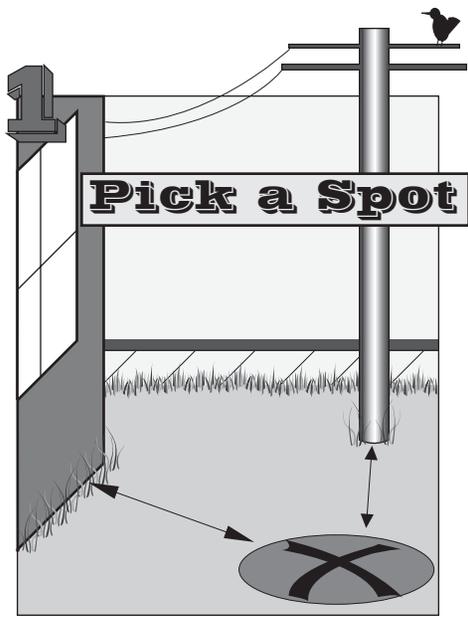
Make sure there are no underground utilities where you plant your tree.

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For more information please call:

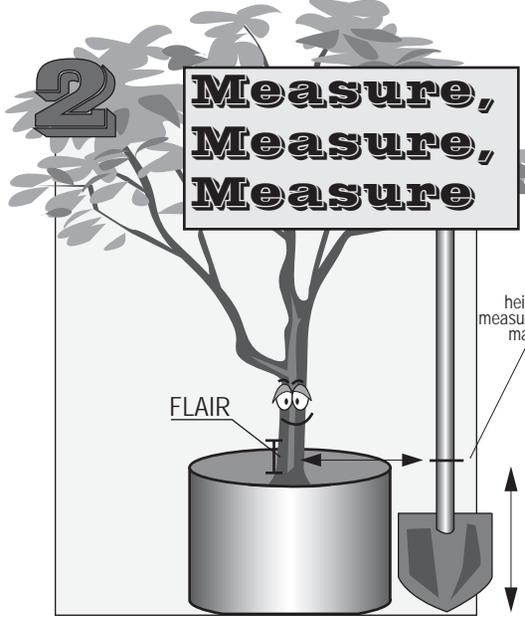
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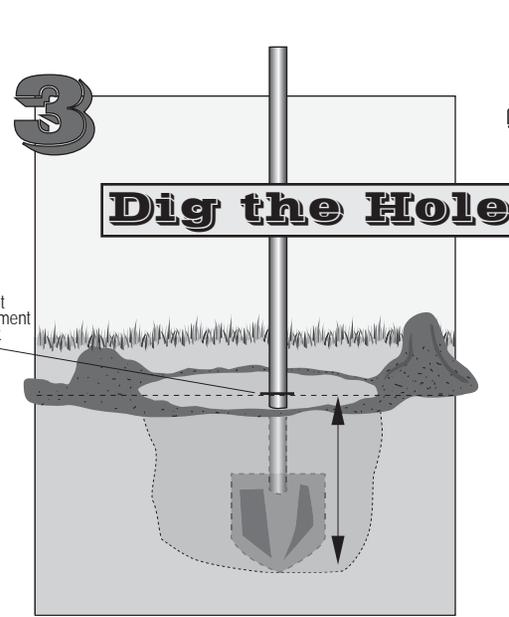
Pick a Spot

Pick a spot appropriate to the mature size of your tree. Plant at least 15 to 25 feet (depending on tree size) from your house and at least 5 feet from underground utilities. Avoid planting under utility lines.



Measure, Measure, Measure

Remove excess mulch from container to expose the trunk flair. Use a shovel to measure height from flair to roots to decide depth of hole.



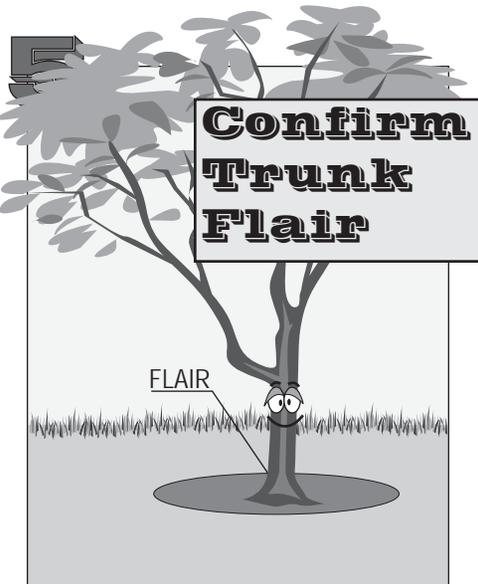
Dig the Hole

Dig a hole at least 4 feet in diameter. The more soil you loosen, the easier and quicker it will be for the roots to grow and spread.



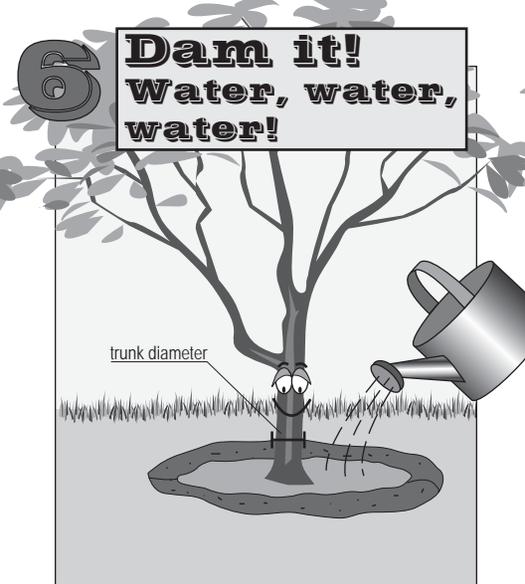
Remove Tree from Container

Carefully remove tree from container. Ruffle the roots to loosen them. Cut any that are circling. Place tree in hole.



Confirm Trunk Flair

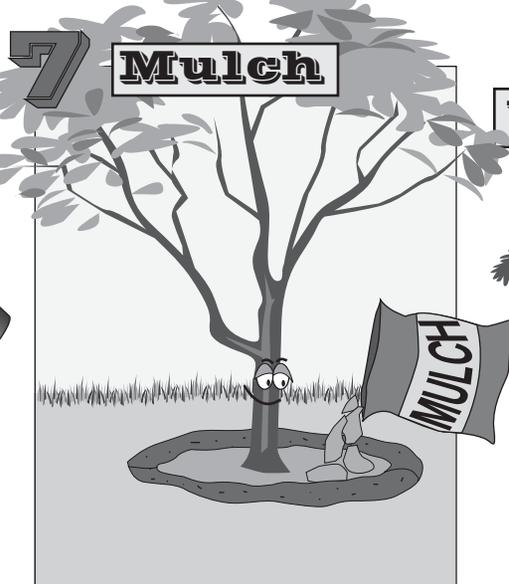
A little higher is much better than too low. Make sure your tree is standing upright. You should be able to see the trunk flair just above the soil line. Fill the hole with soil, using your shovel handle to firm soil around the roots. Press soil firmly with your foot, but do not compact.



Dam it! Water, water, water!

With remainder of soil, make a dam around the base of your tree large enough to surround the roots' ball. Fill with water to give your tree a good soaking. (1 inch diameter = 5 gallons)

For future watering, use at least 1 gallon per inch of trunk diameter as often as necessary.



Mulch

Grass slows the growth of tree roots and mowing grass around trees results in injuries to the trunk. Cover exposed soil with 2 inches of mulch. Pull mulch back from just around the trunk.



Why Trees?

Seattle's urban trees add value to our community in many ways; they beautify our surroundings, absorb stormwater and climate-disrupting gases, clean the air, reduce erosion and increase property values. Trees are also beautiful, they provide homes for birds, and help to connect us with nature.