

How to Plant a Tree

Step 1. Dig planting hole 2-3 times root ball width, same depth as root ball

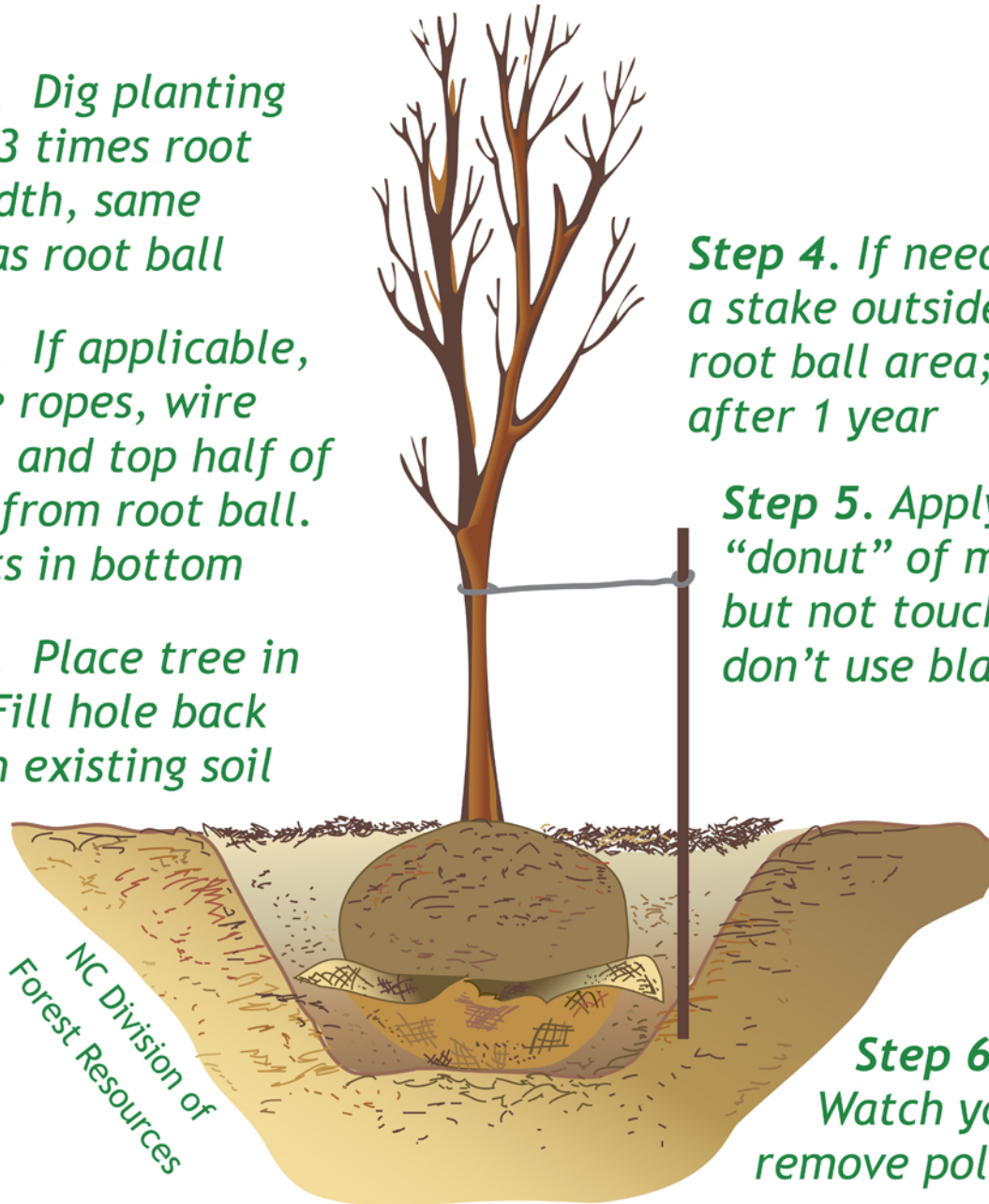
Step 2. If applicable, remove ropes, wire basket, and top half of burlap from root ball. Cut slits in bottom

Step 3. Place tree in hole. Fill hole back up with existing soil

Step 4. If needed, place a stake outside of the root ball area; remove after 1 year

Step 5. Apply a 2-3 inch “donut” of mulch around but not touching the trunk; don’t use black plastic

Step 6. Water as needed. Watch your tree grow and remove pollution!



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