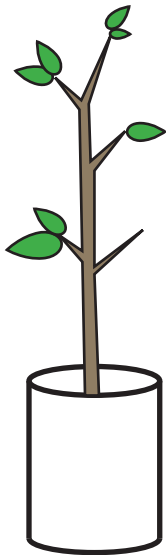


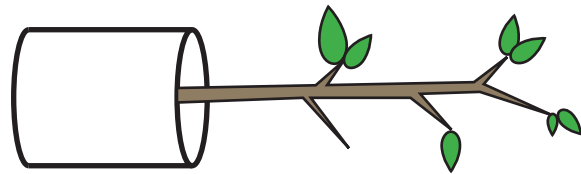
# Metro Tree Advisory Committee

## Container Grown Tree Planting Guide

How to plant a tree video: [Trees.Nashville.gov](http://Trees.Nashville.gov)



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

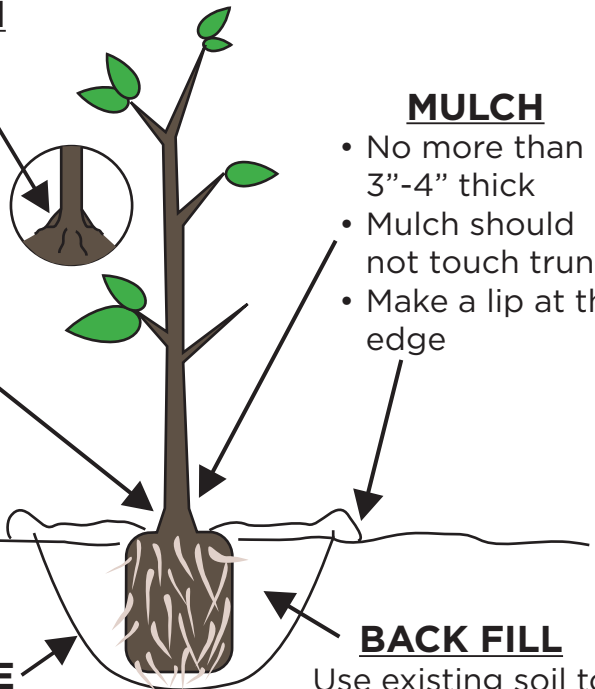


### **FOR EASE OF REMOVING THE ROOTS FROM THE CONTAINER**

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.

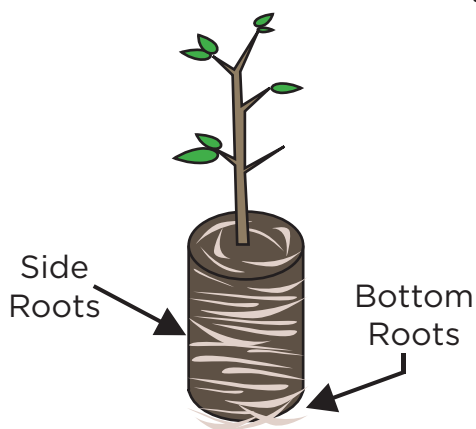
### **PLANTING DEPTH**

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.**

