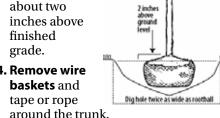1. **Measure the rootball** with a shovel.

2. **Dig a hole up to twice as wide** as your rootball in the shape of a wide V.

2. **Dig deep enough** that the rootball sticks up about two inches above finished grade.

2 inches above ground level

Dig hole twice as wide as rootball

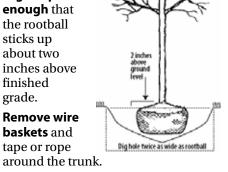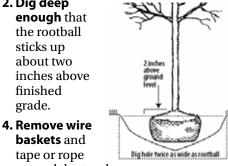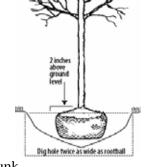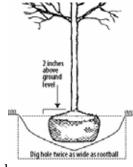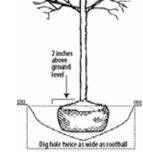4. **Remove wire baskets** and tape or rope around the trunk.

5. **Put the tree in the hole.** Make sure it's straight, and fill the hole with soil.

6. **Add mulch** to a depth of three to four inches around the tree. Leave a couple of inches of clear space around the trunk so the mulch doesn't touch it. Don't make a mulch volcano!