



Environmental
Advisory Committee

Tree Projects

Getting Ready to Plant...Location, location, location!

Locates: If you are uncertain about underground services in the area you are considering for planting, it is strongly recommended that you obtain locates prior to digging. Multiple locates can be requested free of charge by calling “**ON1 Call**” at **1-800-400-2255**. ON1 Call is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. *Obtaining locates prevents liability for any damage or injury caused by interfering with any buried infrastructure.* For more information, please visit the website at <http://www.on1call.com>.

- Stay away from overhead power lines
- Plant 10m (30ft) from other large trees and 5m (15ft) from other smaller trees.
- Plant at least 3m (10ft) from:
 - Buildings
 - Hydro poles
 - Fire hydrants
 - Street signs
 - Hard surfaces like asphalt, concrete, paving stones
 - Driveways
 - Catch basins, manholes
- Plant at least 2m (6ft) away from:
 - Curbs
 - Phone and cable boxes
 - Any underground service lines for water or sewers
- Plant at least 1m (3 ft) away from all property lines and road allowances

More Planting Tips: *Courtesy of “How to Plant a Tree” from www.returnofthenative.ca*

Digging the Hole: The hole should be slightly shallower than the size of the rootball and about three times wider. Save the soil and shake off the weeds. Using a garden fork, spike the sides and bottom of the hole to provide easier penetration for the roots.

Planting: Place the tree in the centre of the hole and gently spread out the roots. If the roots are circling within the pot, tease them out. If the roots are a solid mass, make four shallow cuts from top to bottom along the side, and a couple more across the bottom, to encourage new growth. Cover the roots with the soil you have set aside. You may need some extra soil; purchase a bag of natural topsoil. Gently tamp the soil down by hand, ensuring good contact between soil and roots. Create a mound of soil directly under the tree or shrub and create a shallow channel around the mound to retain moisture.

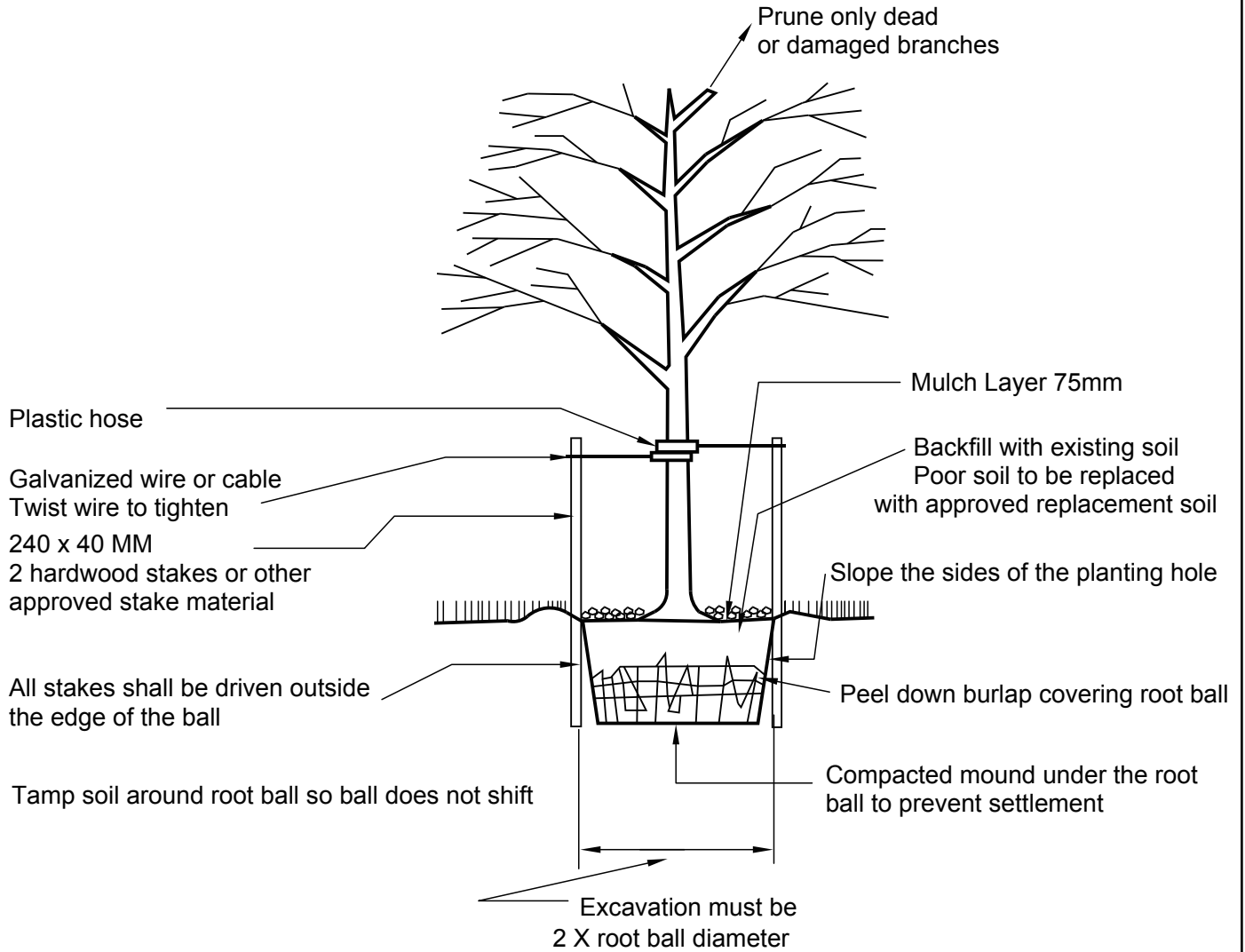
For trees only: Use your foot to apply pressure to the base of the tree. You want to eliminate possible air pockets in the hole, and ensure the tree is straight. If your tree is more than four feet high, you should drive in a couple of stakes, one on either side a couple of feet away from the trunk and use some soft material to tie the tree into position. This will keep the tree steady, ensuring that the roots are not pulled out of contact with the soil in windy weather. You can remove the stakes after a year or two.

Mulch: A good covering of mulch at the base of the tree is recommended to retain moisture.

Watering trees: Water immediately after planting to keep the roots hydrated. Monitor the tree and water moderately, more so in times of drought. Set the hose on the ground at a slow trickle for approximately an hour, which will allow the moisture to infiltrate - twice a week for a younger tree.

Weeding: Your tree or shrub will grow much faster if the area is free of weeds. Many species, when young, have a hard time competing with grasses.

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