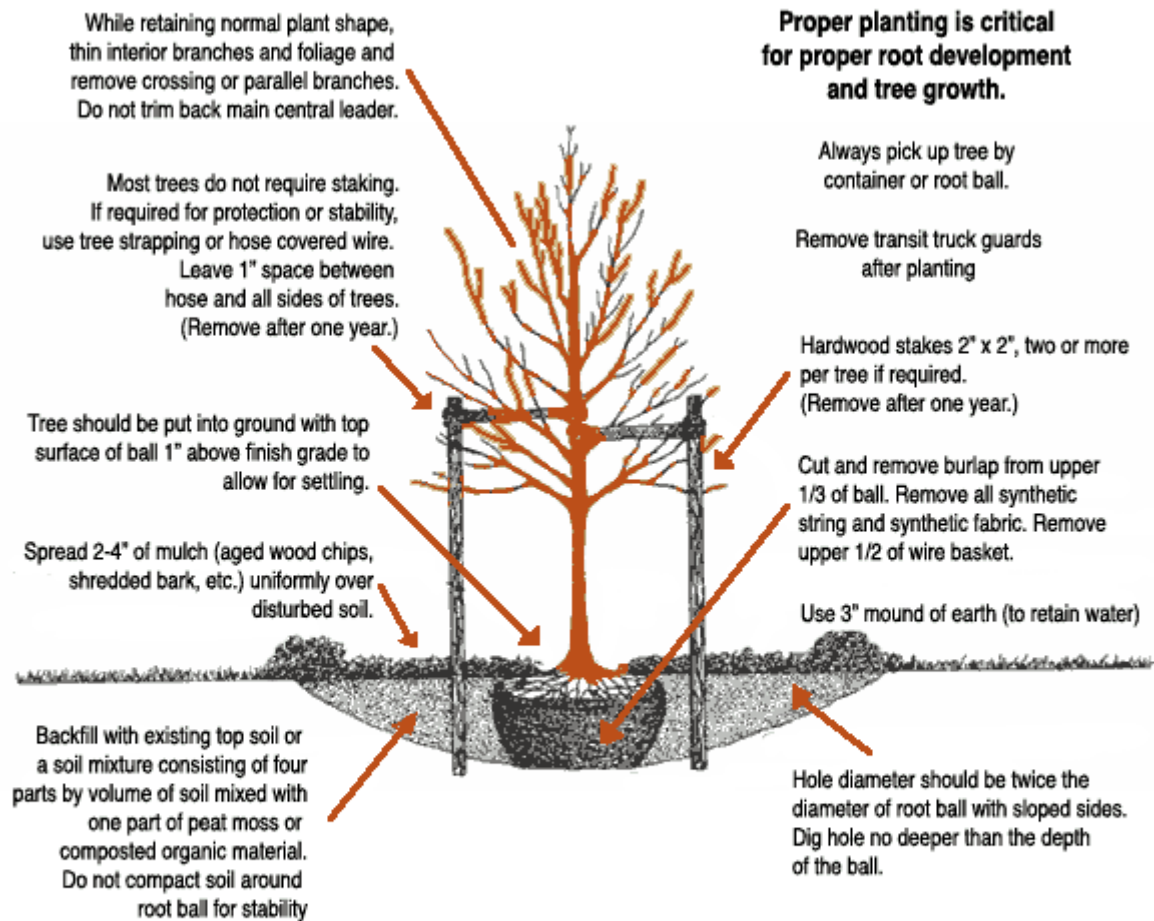


City of Medina Forestry Department

Proper Tree Planting and Mulching



While retaining normal plant shape, thin interior branches and foliage and remove crossing or parallel branches. Do not trim back main central leader.

Most trees do not require staking. If required for protection or stability, use tree strapping or hose covered wire. Leave 1" space between hose and all sides of trees. (Remove after one year.)

Tree should be put into ground with top surface of ball 1" above finish grade to allow for settling.

Spread 2-4" of mulch (aged wood chips, shredded bark, etc.) uniformly over disturbed soil.

Backfill with existing top soil or a soil mixture consisting of four parts by volume of soil mixed with one part of peat moss or composted organic material. Do not compact soil around root ball for stability

Proper planting is critical for proper root development and tree growth.

Always pick up tree by container or root ball.

Remove transit truck guards after planting

Hardwood stakes 2" x 2", two or more per tree if required. (Remove after one year.)

Cut and remove burlap from upper 1/3 of ball. Remove all synthetic string and synthetic fabric. Remove upper 1/2 of wire basket.

Use 3" mound of earth (to retain water)

Hole diameter should be twice the diameter of root ball with sloped sides. Dig hole no deeper than the depth of the ball.

Water thoroughly after planting.

During dry periods occurring within the first year of planting, soak the planting hole once a week.

Fertilize only in special circumstances if recommended by your nursery professional.