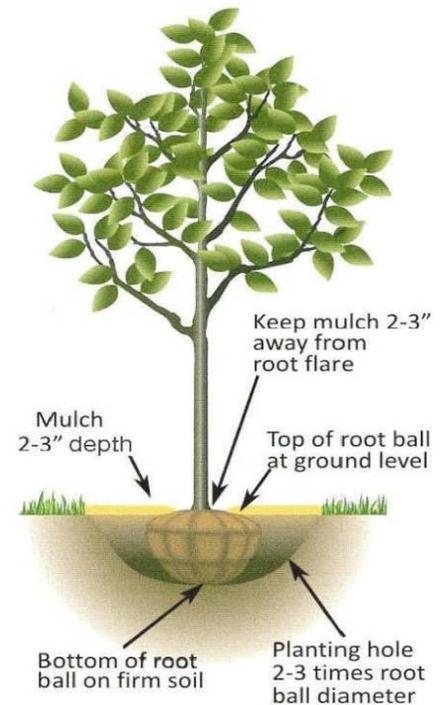


Planting and Caring For Trees

Tree Planting Instructions:

1. Select the right tree for the right location.
2. Keep large tree species at least 10 feet away from structures, 25 feet away from overhead utility lines, and 3 feet from sidewalks and walkways. Be mindful of how wide the crown of your tree will be at maturity.
3. Avoid all utility lines both overhead and underground.
4. Dig a hole twice as wide at the root ball but not deeper.
5. Using your hand or a trowel; gently loosen the outside of the root ball to help provide good root contact with the soil.
6. Place top of root flare level with natural soil line. Do not plant too deep or too high.
7. Backfill halfway with original soil and water in thoroughly.
8. Backfill the rest of the original soil and water in thoroughly.
9. Mulch with wood chips: 2-3 foot radius, 2-3 inches deep, but keep 2-3 inches away from trunk.



Tree Care:

1. Be a good tree steward. Proper tree care is critical to your tree's survival, particularly in its first year.
2. Give your tree a good watering immediately after planting.
3. Water your tree once a week during normal weather conditions, and twice a week during dry spells. Provide 5 or so gallons, applied slowly.
4. Keep the base mulched at a depth of 2-3" to keep weeds down and hold in moisture. Avoid any contact with weed eaters, mowers, or tools of any kind.
5. Your tree should not need pruning until after 5 or so years, at which time you should seek help from a qualified arborist.
6. Celebrate! Congratulations on your new family addition – your tree will give you and your family a lifetime of great pleasure. Consider honoring a family member or friend by naming your tree. And, thank you for adding to Charlotte's outstanding tree canopy!

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