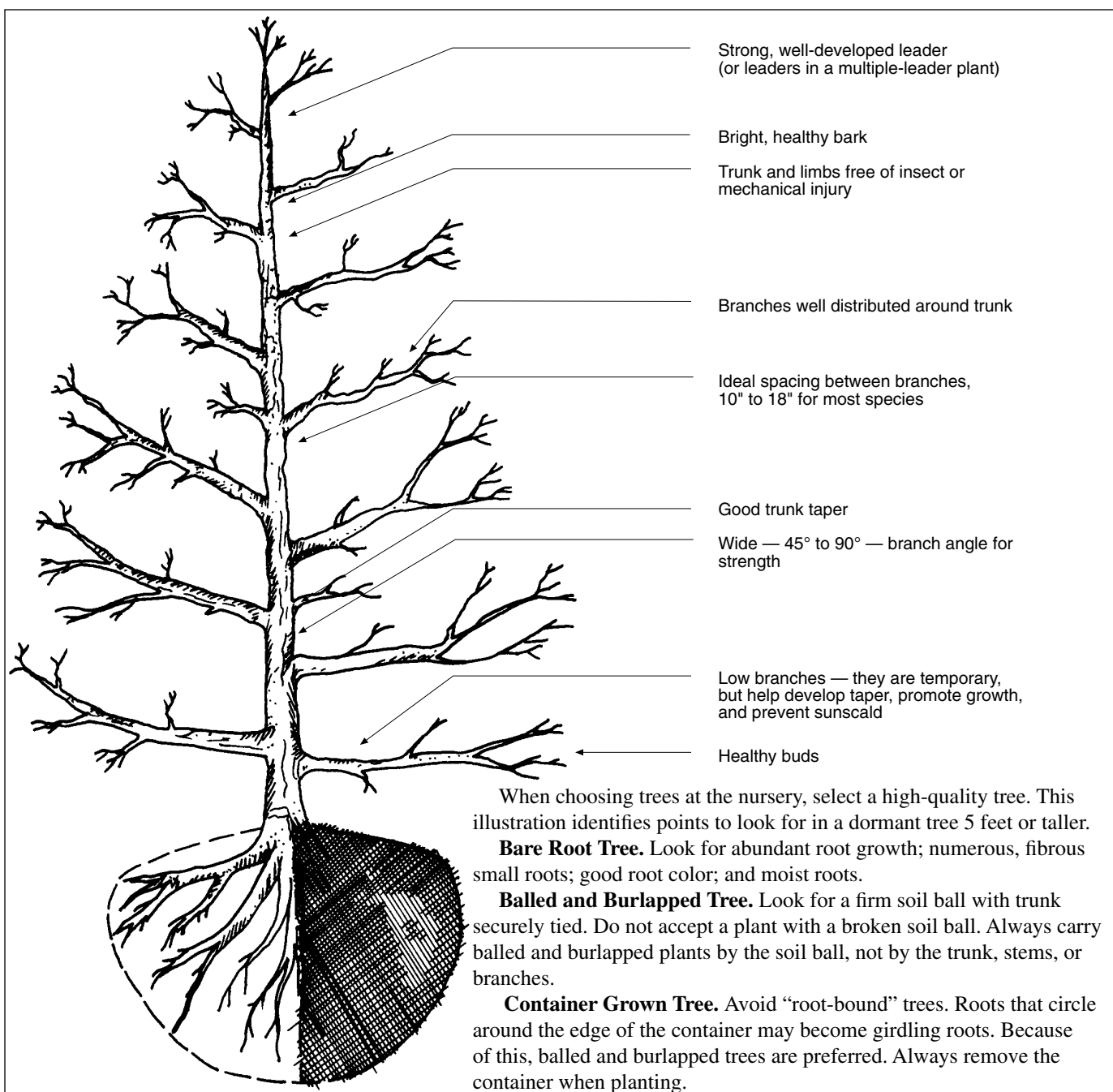
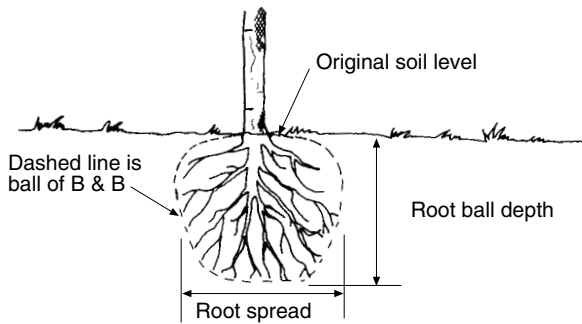




# Selecting and Planting a Tree

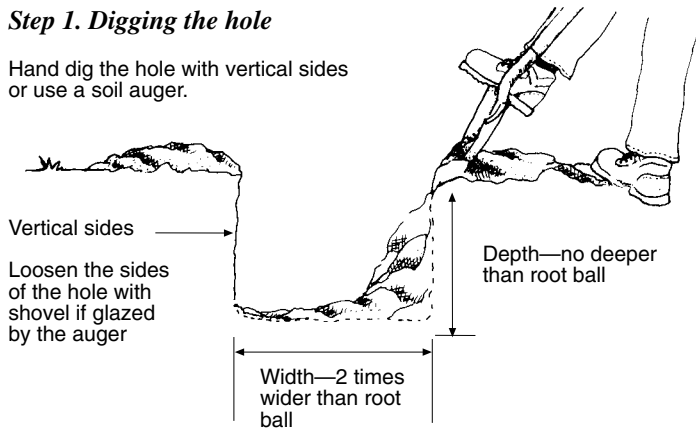


**Bare root (BR)  
Balled and Burlapped (B & B)**



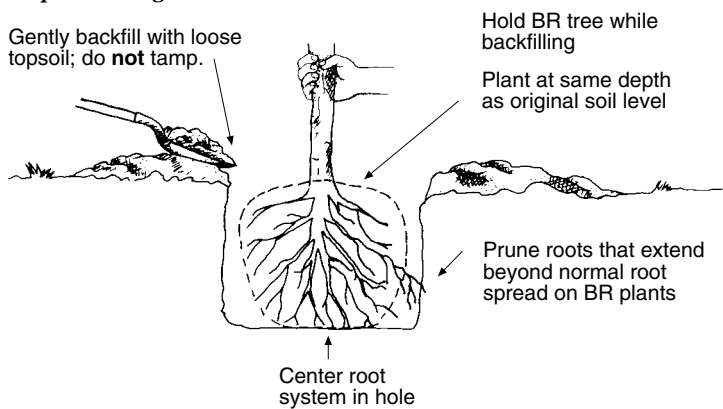
**Step 1. Digging the hole**

Hand dig the hole with vertical sides or use a soil auger.



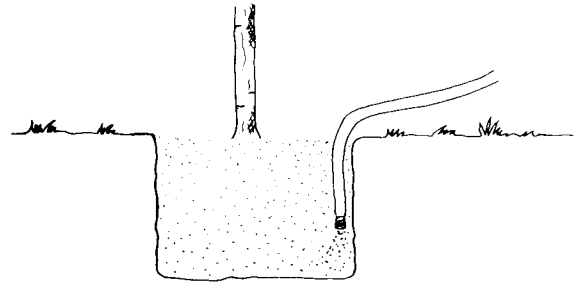
**Step 2. Setting the tree**

Gently backfill with loose topsoil; do **not** tamp.



**Step 3. Settling the soil**

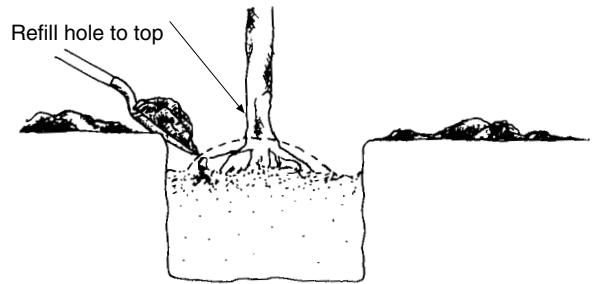
Water the tree in with a garden hose. Turn on pencil-size stream of water, and slide hose along the edge to the bottom. Allow the hole to fill with water from the bottom up. When the hole is full, turn off the water.



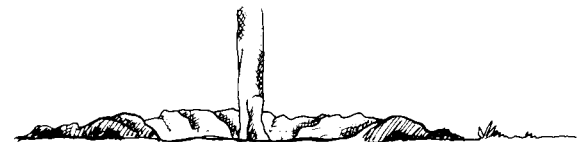
**Step 4. Completing the backfill**

After watering, the soil will settle.

Refill hole to top



**Step 5. Finishing touches**



Place a 6- to 8-inch-high soil ring around the hole edge to create a watering saucer and protect the tree from mower damage. A mulch of wood chips, peat, or ground corn cobs may be used in the raised saucer.



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