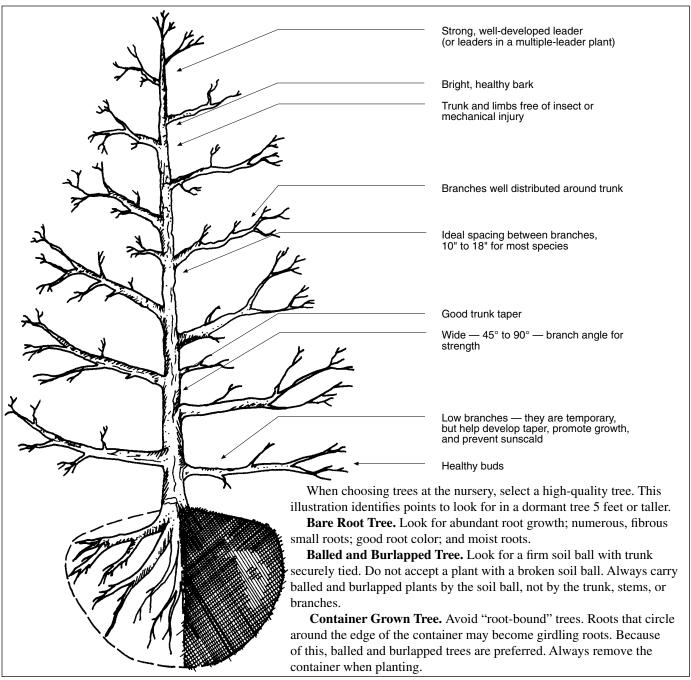


# Selecting and Planting a Tree

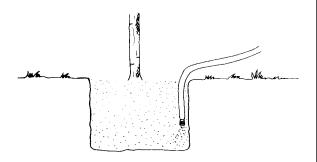


## Bare root (BR) Balled and Burlapped (B & B) Original soil level Dashed line is ball of B & B Root ball depth Root spread Step 1. Digging the hole Hand dig the hole with vertical sides or use a soil auger. Vertical sides Depth-no deeper Loosen the sides than root ball of the hole with shovel if glazed by the auger Width-2 times wider than root ball Step 2. Setting the tree

### Hold BR tree while Gently backfill with loose backfilling topsoil; do not tamp. Plant at same depth as original soil level Prune roots that extend beyond normal root spread on BR plants Center root system in hole

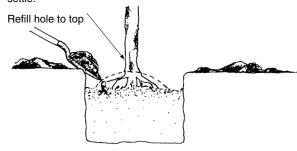
#### Step 3. Settling the soil

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.

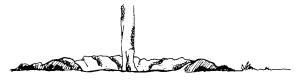


Step 4. Completing the backfill

After watering, the soil will settle.



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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