

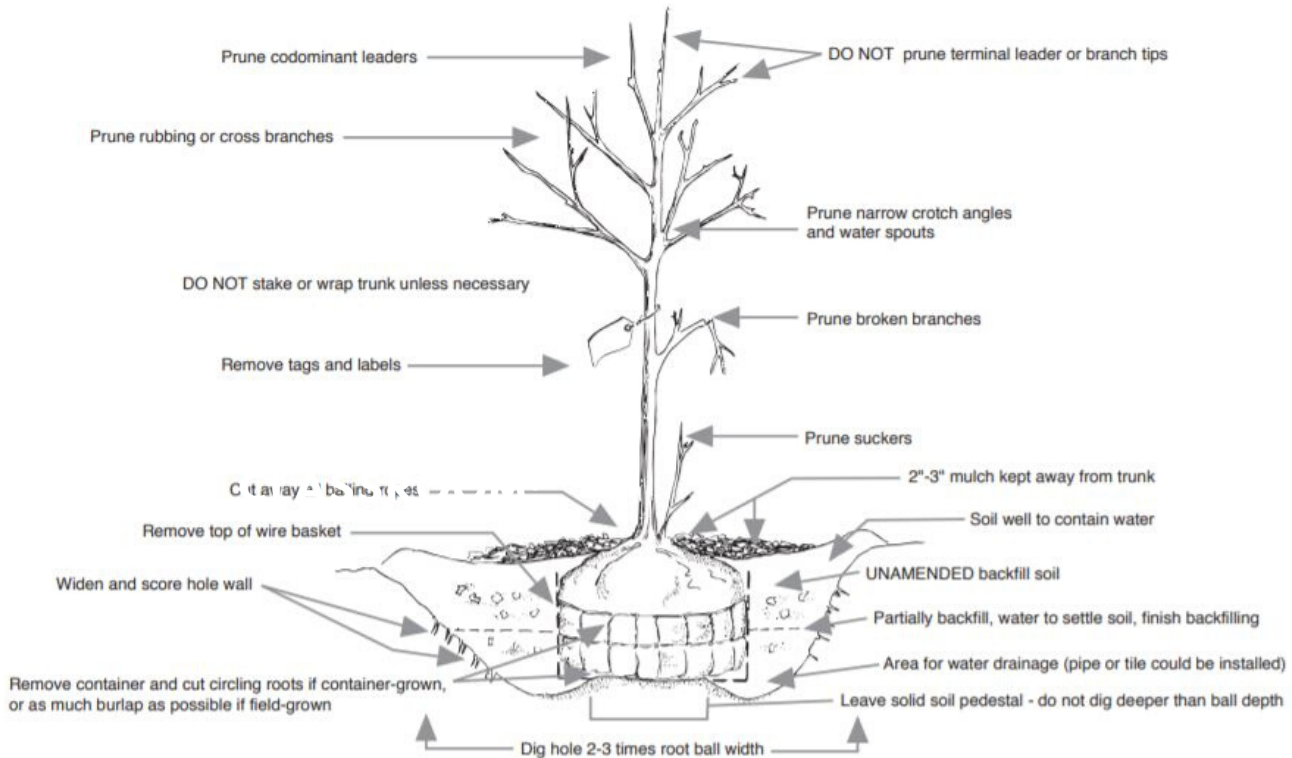
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW TREE!

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TREE PLANTING GUIDELINES

1. Choose a location on your property at least 10 feet from the road and not beneath an overhead powerline. Contact treepermits@norfolk.gov if you wish to plant close to the road.
2. Dig shallow planting holes two to three times as wide as the root ball. In well-drained soil, dig holes as deep as the root ball. In poorly-drained heavy clay soil, dig holes one to two inches shallower than the root ball.
3. Don't dig holes deeper than root balls or put loose soil beneath roots because loose soil will compact over time, leaving trees planted too deep. Widen holes near the soil surface where most root growth occurs.
4. Remove plastic containers, tags, and labels from the tree. If roots are circling around the root ball exterior, cut through the roots in a few places. Cutting helps prevent circling roots from eventually girdling the trunk.
5. Backfill holes with existing unamended soil. Backfill half the soil, then water thoroughly to settle out air pockets. Finish backfilling, then water again.
6. Two to three inches of mulch is best. Keep mulch from touching tree trunks to prevent disease.



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Trees must be planted within 30 days of delivery.
Photo proof of planting required to bgavine@elizabethriver.org