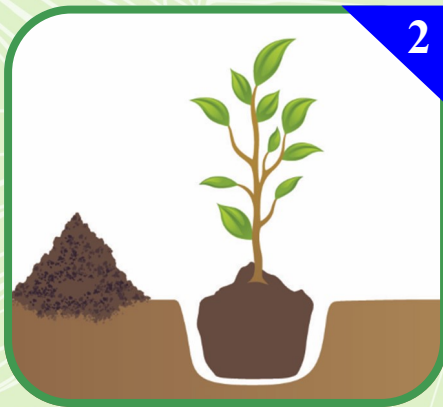


# GIVE YOUR TREE A GREAT START!



## Select the Right Place

- **Look Around!** Is there enough room for the **mature** plant with the right amounts of sun/shade, water, drainage, suitable soil?
- **Look Up!** Are there power lines overhead, building eaves nearby, or anything below tree's final height?
- **Look Down!** Before you dig, call 811. **Do not** risk cutting underground telephone or cable lines.



## Dig a Shallow Hole...

- A few inches wider than root ball.
- Slightly (10%) less deep than root ball is tall.



## Prepare the Root Ball

- Gently remove plant from pot; do not lift by the stem or trunk!
- Remove any girdling (circling) roots - but not too much!



## Plant!

- Place so 10% of root ball is above ground. Deeper can kill over time!
- Is trunk vertically straight?
- With your shovel, cut 1-2" thick slices several times around the hole, and press each toward the root ball. Fill in low spots with remaining soil, and firm.
- Do not add fertilizer or soil amendments at planting.



## Mulch and Watering

- Put a watering ring of mulch (not soil) 2-3" high just outside root ball. **No** mulch on trunk, please!
- Fill ring with water 1-2 times.
- Water daily for 2 weeks; 2X/week for the next 6 weeks; then weekly (if no rain) for 6 months.



## Give Your Tree TLC (Time, Love & Care)

- Your plant cannot be drought-tolerant until it has an established root system. That takes about 7 months for a 3-gallon plant.
- Fertilize 2-4X/year starting a few weeks after planting.

For more information, visit:

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/ep/ep31400.pdf>

**Enjoy your new tree!**

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