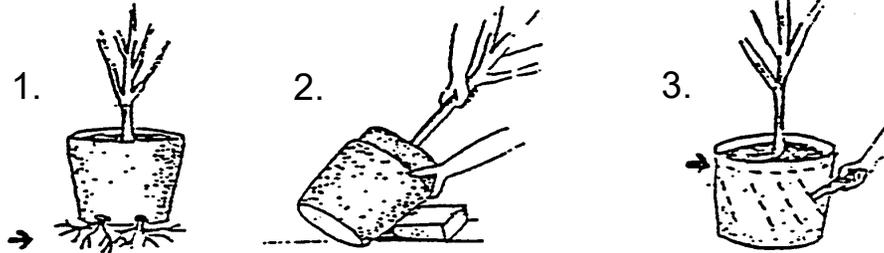
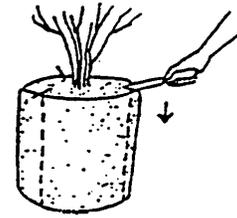


Small Tree or Shrub Planting Detail

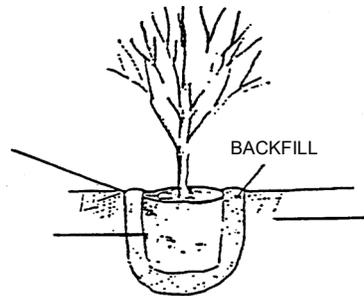
Handle plants carefully. Hold or carry by the container or rootball, not the plant. Always dig the hole before removing the plant from the container.

When planting POTTED trees, evergreens, and shrubs, always take a sharp knife and cut into the rootball, up and down, 1" to 2" deep, in 3 places. This will slow the growth rate down, and stimulate the plant to develop new feeder roots, and help it get established much faster.



1. Trim away any roots protruding through drainage holes to facilitate removal of plant.
2. Plastic containers are generally smooth on the inside. Tilt the container on its side and gently slide it off the root ball, tapping lightly to loosen as needed.
3. Papier-mâché' pots should be left intact. The pot rim should be cut off level with the soil and long slits cut into the sides of the pot to promote decomposition.

4. Dig a hole 50% larger and deeper than the size of the rootball. Save the soil you remove from the hole.
5. Loosen packed soil at the bottom of the hole. Mix all soil removed with 1/3 peat, compost manure, or "Back To Nature" for backfill.



6. Set the plant into the hole on the backfill, planting at the same depth as it was grown in the container.
7. Continue to backfill around the rootball until level with existing soil. Tamp lightly and water thoroughly.

Watering Recommendations

How often should I water new plantings?

Good consistent deep watering for the entire first season is critical. When watering, run the hose at a steady, but gentle, stream using a gentle flow nozzle. Water in the morning hours if you can.

How much water is enough? Too much water is just as bad as not enough. Root rot and fungus are often results of over watering. Watch your soil for dryness and your plants for signs of stress. It's best to let the top of the soil

dry out between waterings. A long, soaking rain may eliminate the need for one watering.

Suggested watering amounts to apply every other day for the first 2-3 weeks:

- about 10 seconds at the root of perennial plants
 - about 20 seconds at the roots of shrubbery
 - at least 60 seconds at the drip line of trees
- After the first 2 or 3 weeks, you may be able to decrease your watering to two or three times a week.



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Plant Care Suggestions:

Root Stimulator: A root stimulating hormone to increase and speed the development of root systems to guarantee successful transplanting.

Back To Nature (cotton burr compost): A soil amendment that is great for breaking down clay soils and adding nutrients. Mix 1 part BTN with 3 parts existing soil in beds and for backfill.

Organic Plant Food: Use a natural organic plant food which will break down gradually providing a safe long-lasting food reservoir activated throughout the growing season. Varieties are available for each type of plant (tree and shrub, flowers, acid loving, etc.).

Winter Protection

Anti-Stress 2000 or Wilt Stop: Spray on all plants that hold their leaves in the winter to keep winter winds from drying the foliage. It is ideal to apply a second coat in February when temperatures are over 40° Fahrenheit.

Mulch: Add mulch over your perennials and roses just before the ground freezes to help avoid alternate thawing and freezing which will injure roots. This layer should be removed as soon as growth starts in early spring.

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Containerized or Balled & Burlapped Tree Planting Detail

THE HOLE:

Dig a hole at least twice the diameter of the rootball. Loosen soil 3" deep on the bottom of the hole to improve drainage (for heavy clay soils, dig a hole 3" deeper and put a 2" layer of clean gravel). Plant trees, especially evergreens, 2"-3" above grade to improve drainage and overall tree survival. For best root development, enlarge the planting area by removing existing turf, then spading or tilling soil in a wide ring.

TREE CARE:

Handle the tree by the rootball, not the trunk. Carefully cut twine wrapped around the stem at the top of the rootball. Remove the plastic, burlap, or container completely. On container grown material, be sure to take a knife and cut into the rootball at least two places, up and down 1" - 2" deep to encourage better root development.

BACKFILL:

Backfill the hole with a mixture consisting of 2/3 loosened existing soil and 1/3 organic material (e.g. peat moss, composted manure, BTN) to improve soil quality.

WATER:

Water newly planted trees thoroughly. It is important to keep soil moist but not wet, until roots become established.

MULCH:

Mulching helps hold in moisture, control weeds, and provide protection from mowers and trimmers. Mulch an area around the tree in proportion with the tree size at 3" deep. Leave a small gap around the trunk.

These procedures may be used for planting in relatively uncompacted soils, or where water will percolate through the topsoil layer.

PRUNING:

Remove only broken or badly deformed branches. Begin a regular pruning program the second or third year after planting.

The following procedures are optional:

STAKES:

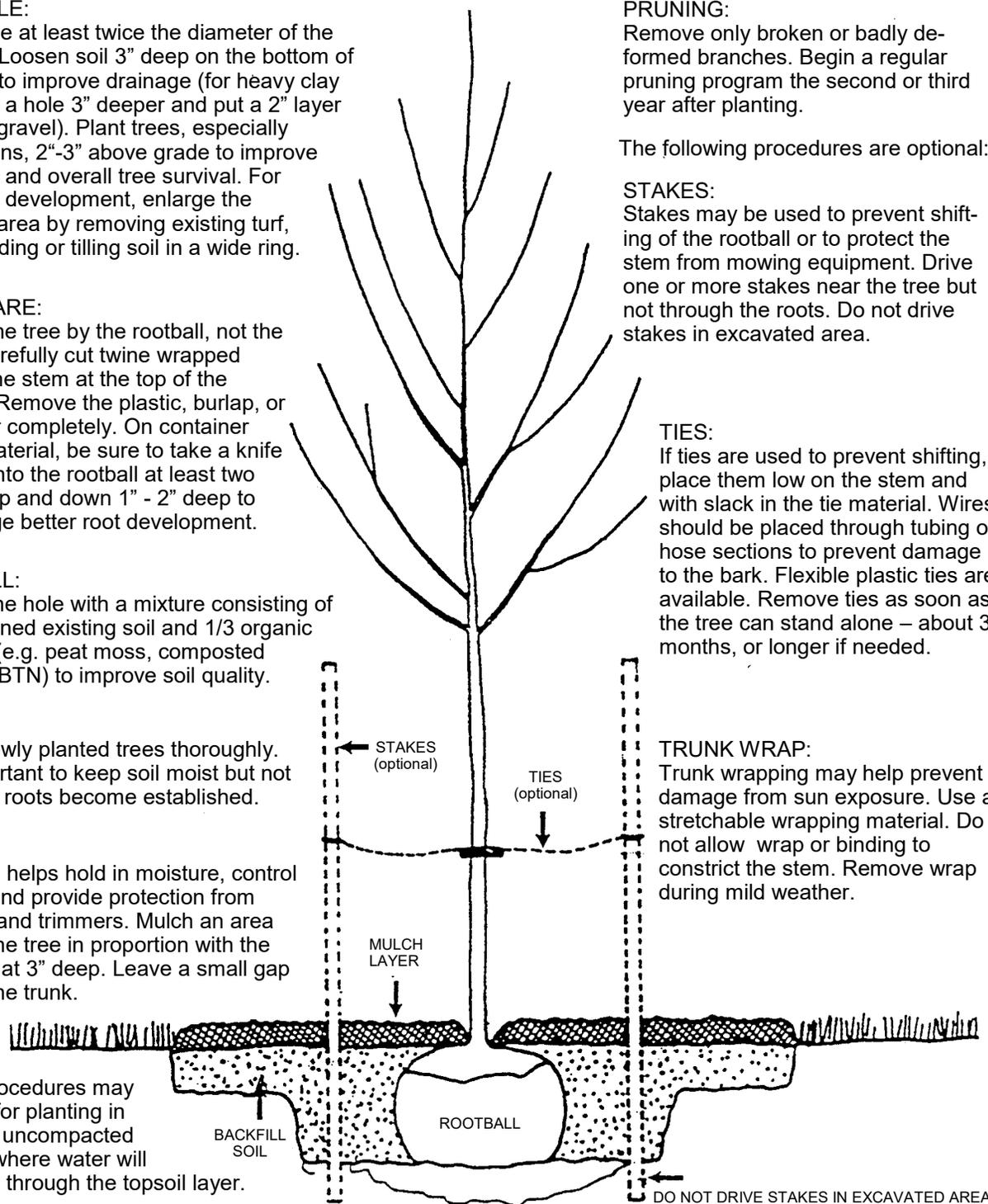
Stakes may be used to prevent shifting of the rootball or to protect the stem from mowing equipment. Drive one or more stakes near the tree but not through the roots. Do not drive stakes in excavated area.

TIES:

If ties are used to prevent shifting, place them low on the stem and with slack in the tie material. Wires should be placed through tubing or hose sections to prevent damage to the bark. Flexible plastic ties are available. Remove ties as soon as the tree can stand alone – about 3 months, or longer if needed.

TRUNK WRAP:

Trunk wrapping may help prevent damage from sun exposure. Use a stretchable wrapping material. Do not allow wrap or binding to constrict the stem. Remove wrap during mild weather.



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