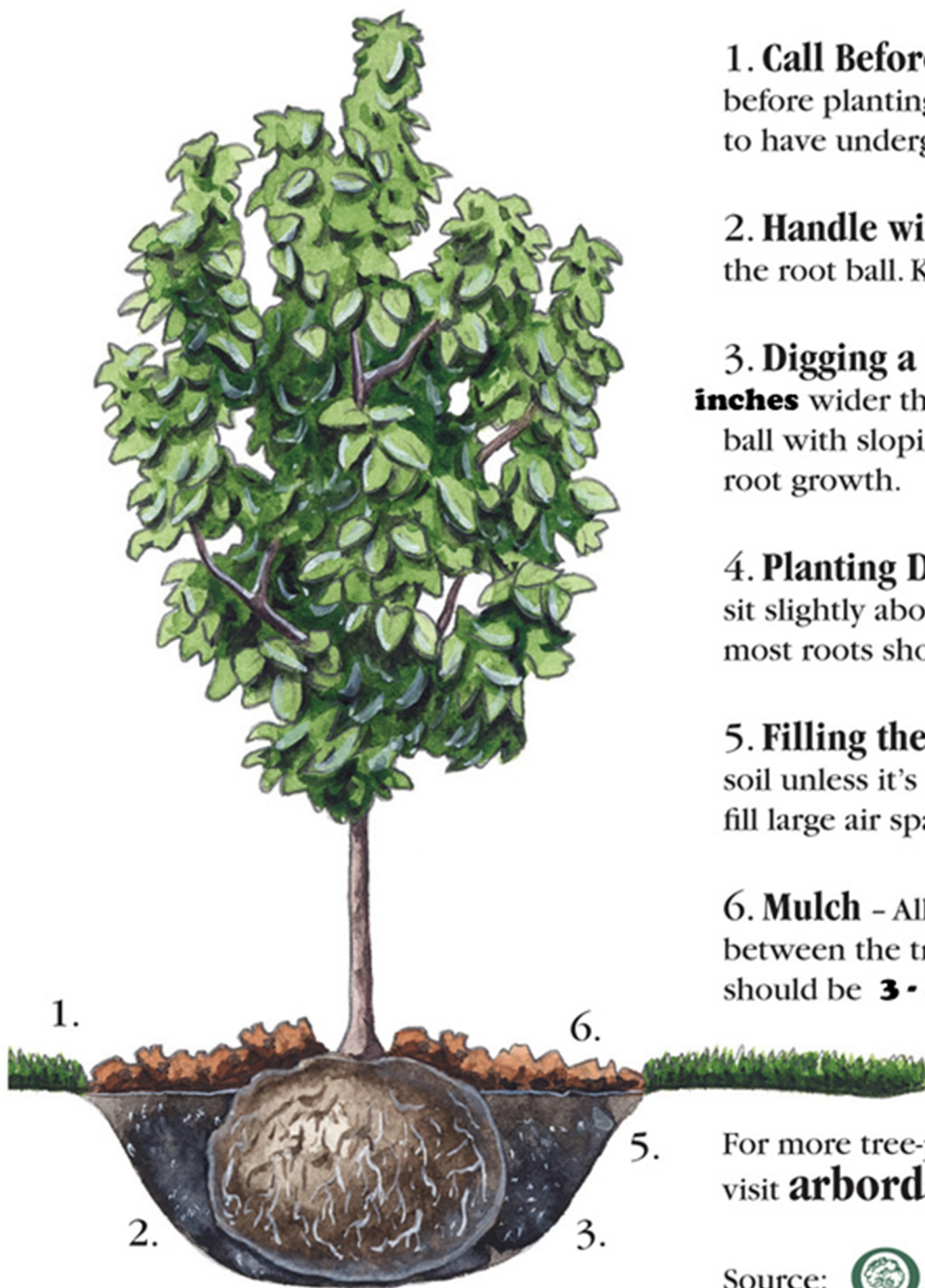


Six things you should know when planting a tree.



1. **Call Before You Dig** - Several days before planting, call **Miss Dig @ 811** to have underground utilities located.

2. **Handle with Care** - Always lift tree by the root ball. Keep roots moist until planting.

3. **Digging a Proper Hole** - **Dig 2 - 6 inches** wider than the diameter of the root ball with sloping sides to allow for proper root growth.

4. **Planting Depth** - The trunk flare should sit slightly above ground level and the top-most roots should be buried **2 - 4** inches.

5. **Filling the Hole** - Backfill with native soil unless it's all clay. Tamp in soil gently to fill large air spaces.

6. **Mulch** - Allow 1 to 2 inch clearance between the trunk and the mulch. Mulch should be **3 - 4** inches deep.

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