



TREE TIPS FROM THE TREE TOPS

Planting the Right Tree in the Right Place

Where to Plant

Choose a place to plant that:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Does not block a streetlight.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Does not block a traffic light or traffic sign.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is not close to buildings (<i>where tree may cause damage to building and roof</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is not close to sidewalks (<i>where roots may lift and cause damage</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is 50'-60' away from any above ground or below ground power/communication lines
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leaves the tree room to grow to full size.

What to Plant

Consider the following when deciding what kind of tree to plant:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the tree have poisonous fruits that might be harmful to children?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the tree have fruit or seeds that would attract unwanted insects to the area?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the tree have fruit or seeds that would be time-consuming to clean off the road?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the tree native to the area you are planting it in?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the tree salt-hearty? (<i>Could it survive in an area where salt is put down</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the specific tree you select structurally sound with no girdling roots?

How to Plant

1.	Dig a hole that is 4"-5" larger than the root ball.
2.	Make sure the sides of the hole are not glazed so that water can pass through.
3.	Remove the basket and/or burlap and tease out the roots.
4.	Backfill with the same soil that was removed from the hole.
5.	When adding soil, the root flare should be 2" above the soil.
6.	Pack soil and apply 4" double ground mulch, keeping the mulch 2"-4" away from the tree (NO SOIL VOLCANOS!).
7.	Gator Bags are a good way to water the tree and ensure the water is getting to the roots.
8.	Let the branches on a young tree grow for 4-5 years before pruning.

***If you need assistance, call your local Tree Professional**