

# TREE PLANTING GUIDE

## Before planting

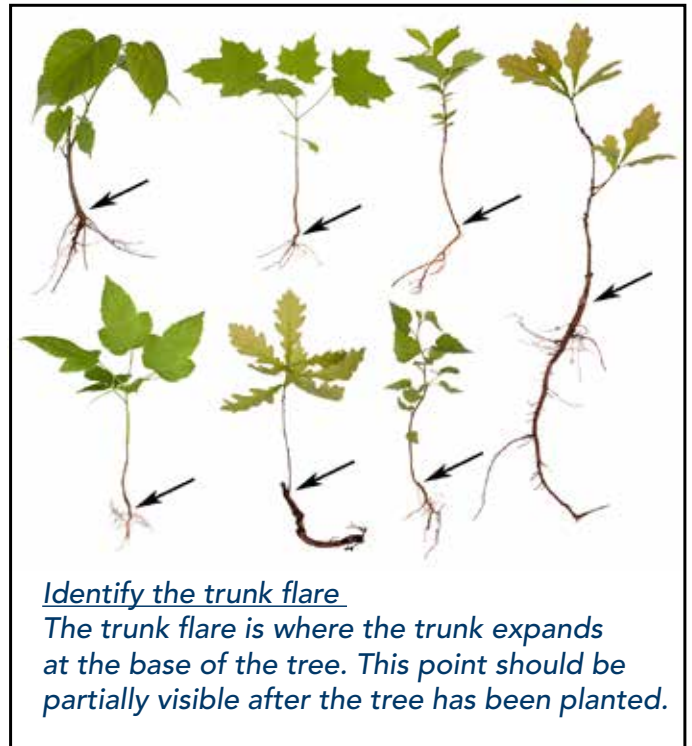
- Handle carefully and avoid compressing or damaging roots
- Keep the tree in a cool place, away from sun and wind, without exposing roots
- Keep roots wet without overwatering
- Plant as soon as possible

## Where to plant?

- Choose a sunny or semi-shaded spot
- Choose a well-drained soil
- Away from power lines and high traffic areas
- Think about the final size and spread of the trees
- Avoid planting under existing trees

## How to plant?

- Dig a hole 2-3 times wider than roots or root ball
- Add potting soil if the soil is poor
- Deposit the tree vertically and at the proper height →
- Fill the hole with soil and compact it with your hands to eliminate air pockets
- Cut off any broken branches
- Water generously
- Avoid fertilization at the time of planting
- Stake the tree, only if necessary. Studies have shown that trees establish more quickly and develop stronger trunk and root systems if they are not staked at the time of planting.



### Identify the trunk flare

*The trunk flare is where the trunk expands at the base of the tree. This point should be partially visible after the tree has been planted.*

## After planting

- Install a marker to avoid accidentally trampling the plant or damaging it with the lawn mower.
- Water (do not overwater) in the morning or evening for 1 or 2 days after planting. Then, water as needed.
- Remove grass and brush within a radius of at least 50 cm so that the tree has enough light, water and minerals. You can mulch the base of the tree. Mulch is organic matter spread around the base of a tree to hold moisture, moderate soil temperature extremes, and reduce grass and weed competition.
- Cut off dead or broken branches

*Did you know that grass absorbs much more water than young trees? Newly transplanted trees need time to establish an effective root system. The first year is critical for their survival. So, it's important to limit the effect of grass on growing trees by : removing surrounding grass, using mulch or watering enough.*

## Before winter

- Stake the tree and surround it with jute to avoid crushing and drying the tree
- Place leaves or grass at the foot of the tree to prevent frost heave

