

TREE AND SHRUB PLANTING

Ensure a successful tree or shrub with smart planting techniques. Follow these steps to help your tree thrive for generations:

Step 1: Dig the hole

The hole should be wide and saucer-shaped and only as deep as the root ball of the tree. Remove any extra soil off the top of the root ball to estimate the right depth.

Step 2: Plant the tree or shrub

Place the root ball in the hole, firm the soil around the base and replace with the original soil. You do not need to add anything to the backfill. Water to settle the soil and fine tune the grade. Avoid stepping on the soil to firm it down.

Step 3: Mulch

Place mulch from the edge of the root ball outwards. don't put mulch up against the trunk. Stake the tree if it's in a windy area.

Step 4: Check water regularly

Water 1-2 gallons per inch of trunk diameter several times per week. Water 1-2 times per month from November to April. Wait two years to fertilize.

Additional Resources

- Visit the Conservation and Environmental Center at 2855 Mesa Road, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for expert tips and more resources.
- Check out the Colorado State University Extension at <http://cmg.colostate.edu> for detailed planting instructions.
- Call or click colorado811.org at least three days before digging to have your utility lines marked for free.

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