

A five-step guide for planting container trees



Step 1: Dig a hole. The hole should be about twice as wide and the same depth as the container. Loosen the compacted soil and form the sides of the hole to allow for root growth in all directions.

Step 2: Carefully remove the tree from the container. Try to keep the soil around the roots intact. The pot may need to be placed on its side. Apply pressure by rolling the container in a back-and-forth motion in order to loosen the root ball and coax the tree out of the container.

Step 3: Gently massage the roots in order to loosen the root ball. Separate and straighten roots while trying not to loosen too much soil.

Step 4: Place the plant in the middle of the hole. The root collar (top of soil in pot) should be level with the soil surface. Back fill around the roots being mindful not to include turf and clumps. Gently tamp the soil added to remove any air pockets.

Step 5: Water the tree thoroughly and apply mulch. The soil and mulch around the tree should be kept moist but not saturated.

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