**Dig a hole as deep as the pot and twice as wide.**

Call 811 if planting in your front yard to avoid gas and electrical lines!

**To remove tree from pot:**
1. Press and roll the pot on the ground.
2. Slide tree from pot.
3. Untangle the largest roots – some root loss is normal, a ripping sound is okay.

**Carefully place tree in the center of the hole.**

Make sure trunk is straight.

Lay shovel or stick over the hole to make sure trunk flare is 1” above ground.

**Fill in the hole with soil and pack it down until the tree is stable.**

Make a 3 ft. wide, 3 in. tall mulch ring starting 6 in. from the tree trunk.

Keep soil and mulch from touching the trunk.

**As soon as your tree is planted, water it!**

Give your tree 25 gallons of water by filling five 5-gallon buckets or use a hose at moderate flow for 10 minutes.

Watch this video to further learn how to plant a tree: [http://bit.ly/NcQNBp](http://bit.ly/NcQNBp)

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Thank you for choosing to make New York City a better place to live. By caring for your tree you are: providing shade, reducing energy use, cleaning the air, creating community, and beautifying space. Life in the city is hard for a tree but caring for your tree is easy! Just follow these simple steps to keep your tree healthy:

WATER: Water your tree once a week from March through October. Slowly add 20-25 gallons of water to the soil and let it soak in (moderate flow from a hose for 10 minutes).

CLEAN AND PLANT: Clean and maintain the area around the tree. Pull up weeds. Clean up trash and pet waste. Plant flowers or other non-woody plants at least 3 feet away from the trunk of your tree.

MULCH: In March and October renew mulch around tree. Mulch should be shallow (2-3 inches deep) and wide—the ring can be as wide as the branches of the tree.

PRUNE: Make all cuts clean and smooth. Avoid pruning limbs larger than 2” in diameter. If you doubt your ability to safely prune large trees, hire a professional arborist. You may not prune street trees without a taking Citizen Pruner Tree Care Course. For more information and to become a Citizen Pruner visit: www.treesny.org

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