

# How to Plant a B&B Tree

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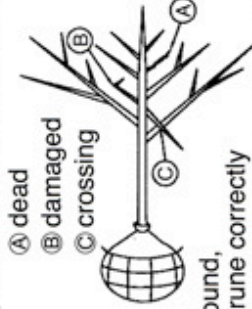
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## 2 Cut and remove:

- Twine
- Tags
- Tree wrap

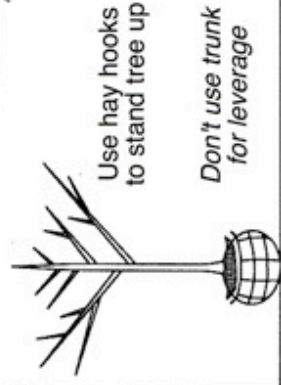


## 3 Inspect crown for bad branches:



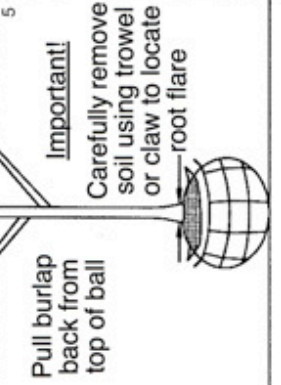
- A dead
  - B damaged
  - C crossing
- If found, prune correctly

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Use hay hooks to stand tree up  
*Don't use trunk for leverage*

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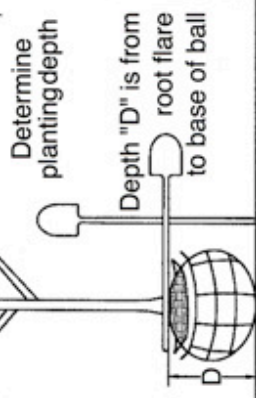


Pull burlap back from top of ball  
**Important!**  
Carefully remove soil using trowel or claw to locate root flare

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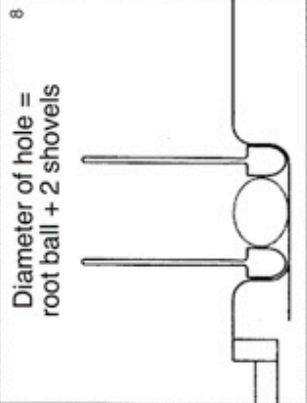
Root flare may be 2" to 10" deep into root ball

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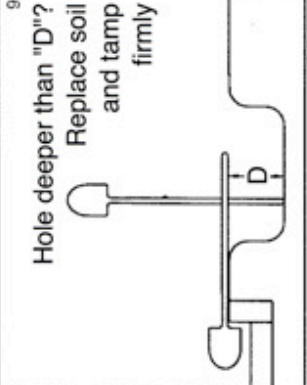
Determine planting depth  
Depth "D" is from root flare to base of ball

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Diameter of hole = root ball + 2 shovels

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Hole deeper than "D"?  
Replace soil and tamp firmly

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Make sure hole isn't too deep!  
Plant high!

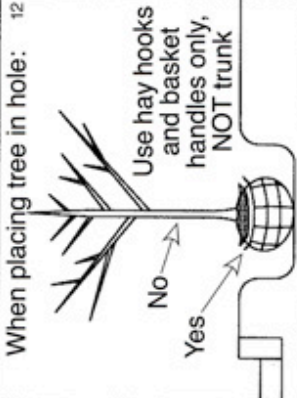
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## Place tree in hole:

Caution!

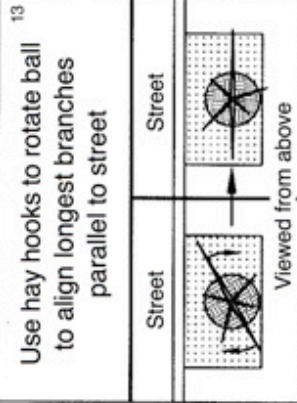
- Do not use trunk as lever
- 2-3 people needed
- Use hay hooks
- Lower gently
- Do not drop
- Don't break root ball

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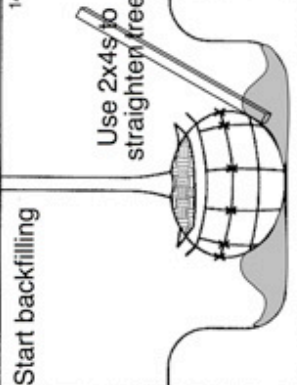
When placing tree in hole:  
Use hay hooks and basket handles only, NOT trunk

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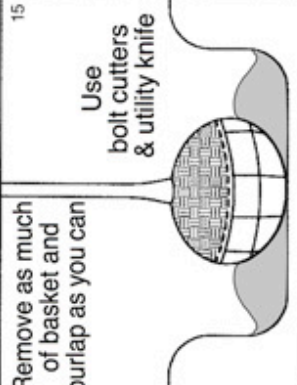
Use hay hooks to rotate ball to align longest branches parallel to street

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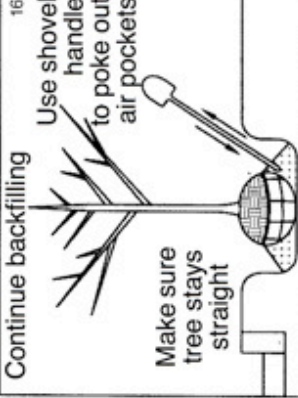
Start backfilling  
Use 2x4s to straighten tree

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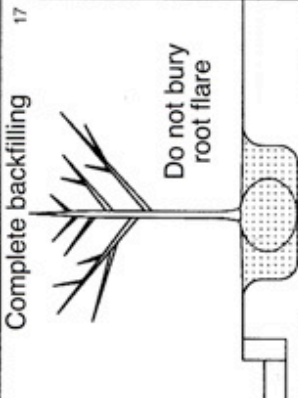
Remove as much of basket and burlap as you can  
Use bolt cutters & utility knife

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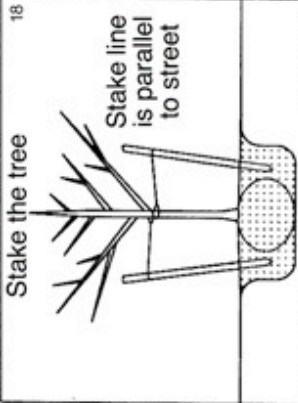
Continue backfilling  
Use shovel handle to poke out air pockets  
Make sure tree stays straight

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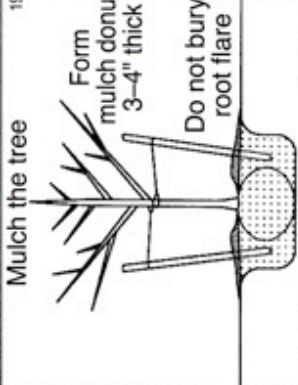
Complete backfilling  
Do not bury root flare

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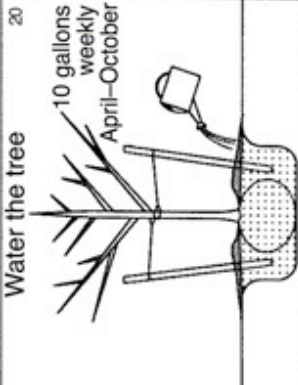
Stake the tree  
Stake line is parallel to street

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Mulch the tree  
Form mulch donut 3-4" thick  
Do not bury root flare

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Water the tree  
10 gallons weekly  
April-October