



TIPS FOR PLANTING A TREE PROPERLY



November is the perfect time of the year to plant a tree. Pierre Gingras stated in a 2007 article, still current today, that “*October, November and December were the perfect months to plant trees, especially large specimens*”. In fact, the planting period lasts until the ground begins to freeze, which is an ideal condition since plants are in a dormant phase. Another positive point to late fall planting is the selling price of the plants, which decreases as nurseries try to reduce their inventory.

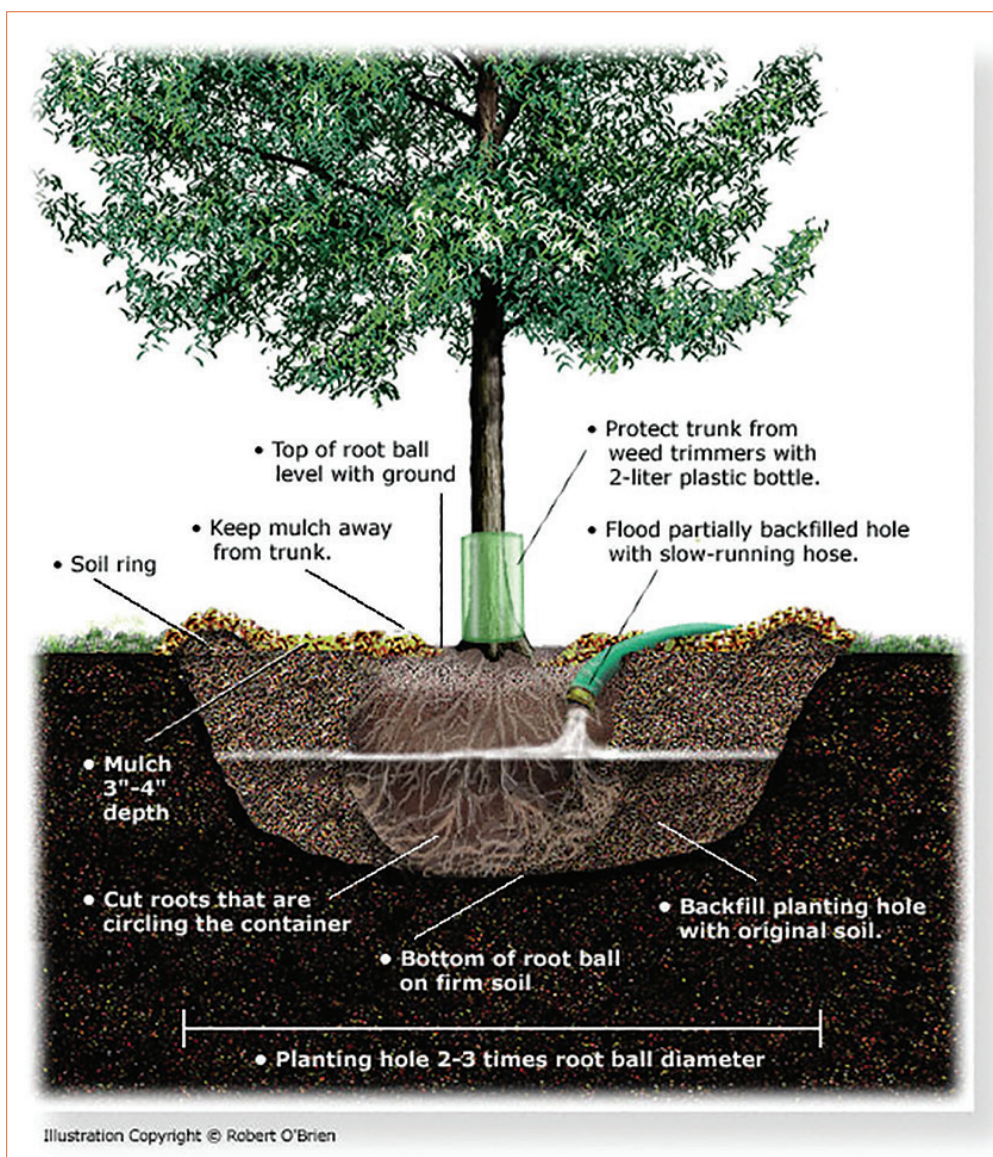


How to plant a tree, while ensuring that it is still healthy the following spring?

Here are a few tips established by the *Bureau de normalisation du Québec* to ensure successful transplanting:

1. The planting hole should be twice the diameter of the root ball and the wall should have a sloping edge.
2. The crown should be level with the surface of the ground.
3. You must remove the top HALF of the wire basket and the burlap. Be careful! It is not enough to fold back the burlap or just remove what covers the surface of the root ball.
4. You must pack the soil around the root ball, avoiding compaction as this will prevent proper drainage.
5. You must add mulch at the base of the tree clearing a radius of **15 cm** around the trunk.

Happy planting!



For further information on planting methods, click on this link:
<http://www.wikihow.com/Plant-a-Tree>