

# HOW do you plant a Tree?

## Follow these 8 steps

Trees clean our air and make water healthy, so become a Friend of the Rouge Watershed (FRW) and help us plant trees. Since there are many different types of trees, FRW staff will help you find an area that meets the needs of your tree.

1. Pick up the tree with two hands on the pot and carry it to where it will be planted.



2. Pick a good place to plant your tree, two shovel lengths away from any other tree, so that it has room to grow.



3. Dig the hole, placing the dirt that you dig up next to your hole, since you will need it to plant the tree.



4. The hole should be wide enough to fit the tree while it is still in its pot.

5. The hole should be deep enough so that ground level is a thumbs width above the top root, this is called the root collar, it will look lighter in colour.



6. Take the tree out of its pot, making sure to hold the tree at the bottom of the trunk, at the root collar and place it in the hole. (Do not pick up the tree by its leaves or branches)



7. With your hands not the shovel, fill in the entire hole with soil. Fill the gaps to almost the top.

8. Pack the dirt tightly by making fists with your hands and using your knuckles to pack the soil down. When finished the soil should be at the root collar and level with the ground.



To make sure your tree has been planted right, follow these steps:

1. Make sure your tree is standing up as straight as it can be.
2. Make sure the root collar is underground.
3. Lastly, gently pull on your tree, if the dirt doesn't move, than it has been packed well.

Congratulations! You have successfully planted a tree.

