

## How to Plant a Tree

Read both paragraphs. Then, write your own paragraph explaining how to plant a tree. Make sure you use the important information from both sources.

### Source 1:

1. Dig a hole 3 to 4 times wider than the ball of roots.
2. Carefully remove the tree from the container keeping the soil around the roots intact.
3. Set the tree in the middle of the hole. Using some soil, stand the tree in a straight position, then fill and pack the hole with the soil that you dug out.
5. Give the tree a good watering. After the water has soaked in, spread mulch 2–4 inches deep around the base of the tree, but not touching the trunk.
6. The soil and mulch around your trees should be kept moist but not soggy. During dry weather, water the tree every 7 to 10 days during the first year.

- From arborday.org

### Source 2:

- Dig a shallow, broad planting hole. Holes should be 2-3 times wider than the root ball, but only as deep as the root ball.
- Remove the containers or cut away the wire.
- Place the tree at the proper height. If the tree is planted too deep, new roots will have a hard time growing.
- Straighten the tree in the hole.
- Fill the hole gently, but firmly. Pack soil around the base of the root ball to stabilize it.
- Mulch the base of the tree. Mulch is spread around the base of a tree to hold moisture, and reduce grass and weed competition.
- Keep the soil moist, but not water-logged. Water trees at least once a week, barring rain, and more frequently during hot, windy weather.

- From treesaregood.org

Write a paragraph explaining how to plant a tree.

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