Six things you should know when planting a tree.

1. Call before you dig. Several days before planting, call the national 811 hotline to have underground utilities located.


3. Digging a proper hole. Dig 2 to 5 times wider than the circumference of the root ball with sloping sides to allow for proper root growth.

4. Planting depth. The trunk flare should sit slightly above ground level and the topmost roots should be buried 1 to 2 inches.

5. Filling the hole. Backfill with native soil unless it’s all clay. Tamp in soil gently to fill large air spaces.

6. Mulch. Allow 1 to 2 inch clearance between the trunk and the mulch. Mulch should be 2 to 3 inches deep.

For more information, visit arborday.org.

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