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TREE

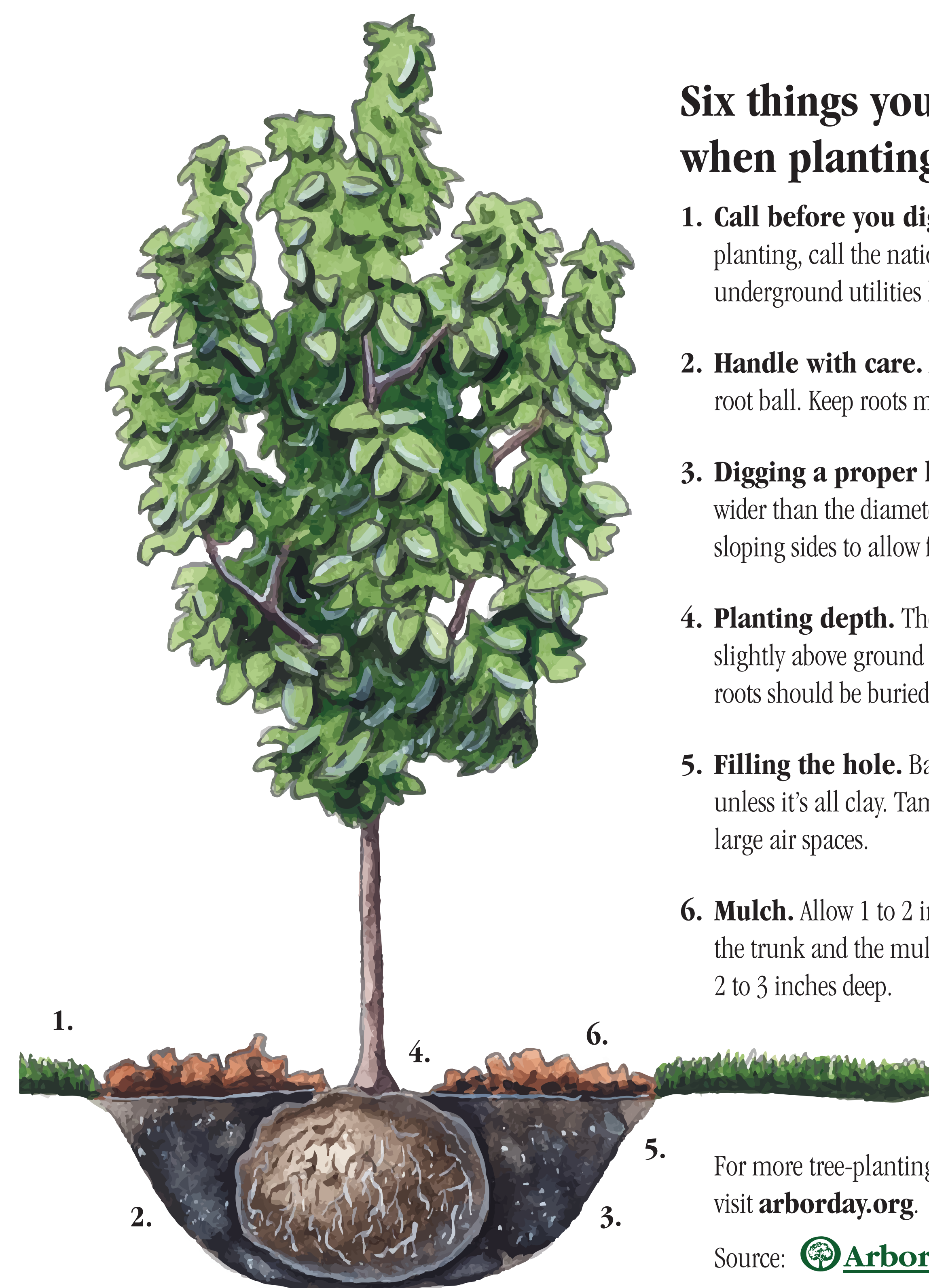
PLANTING



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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.
2. **Handle with care.** Always lift tree by the root ball. Keep roots moist until planting.
3. **Digging a proper hole.** Dig 2 to 5 times wider than the diameter 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 tree-planting tips and information, visit arborday.org.

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