Planting Native Trees



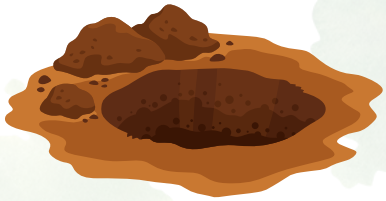
Step 1: Understand Your Yard

Take a moment to consider the available space, the sun exposure, and water conditions of your yard. It's best to plant trees in the spring and fall. Avoid planting during heatwaves, droughts, or in freezing temperatures.



Step 2: Select Your Native Tree

Ontario is home to many incredible native trees that can provide value to your yard and neighbouring wildlife. Be sure to consider how large the tree will grow and what kind of seed/ nut/ fruit it will produce.



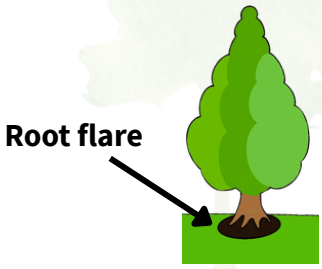
Step 3 : Dig a Hole

Dig a hole twice as wide and slightly deeper than the pot the tree came in. Before planting your tree, water the hole.



Step 4 : Loosen the Root Ball

Remove the tree from its pot. To encourage the roots to spread, gently massage the roots and unwrap any roots encircling the root ball. Remove any material binding them together.



Step 5 : Plant the Tree

Find where the trunk of the tree widens into the roots, aim to have that area slightly above ground level. Place the tree in the hole and refill the hole with soil.



Step 6 : Water & Mulch

Water after planting and regularly for its first few months. Consider adding a protective trunk guard, and mulching around the base of the tree (like a donut), while keeping mulch away from the trunk.

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