

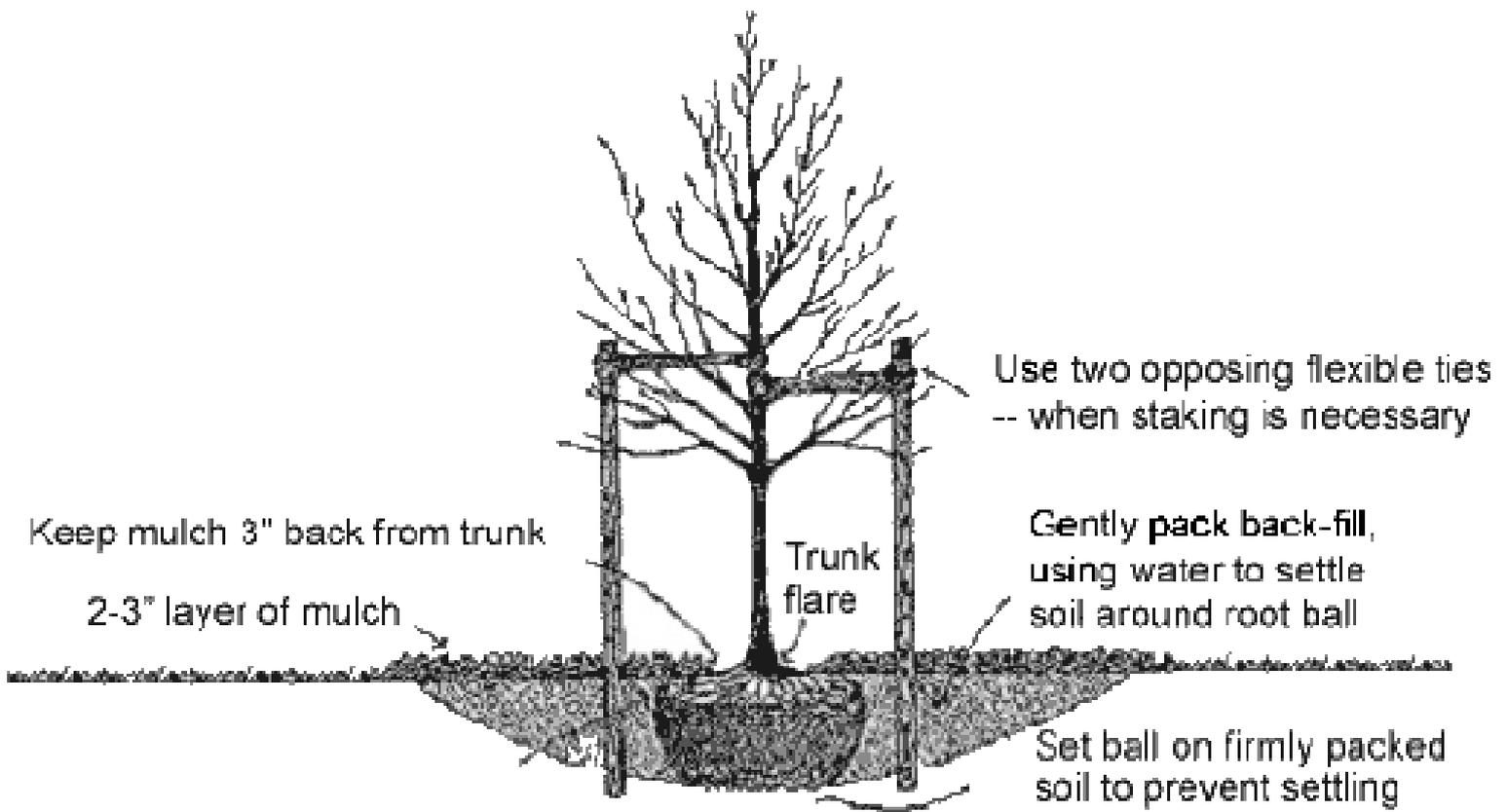
Too many times in the past I have seen trees planted out incorrectly. In many instances the trees were planted too deep, some with 120mm of soil over the root level. The trees will slowly shut down and die because of lack of warmth and air. (Only Poplars and Willows will survive this sort of treatment). We at Leafland recommend the following steps for planting out trees.

- 1. Planting:** Dig the hole a little larger than the bag. If in heavy wet soils it may be best to mound up the site so water doesn't pond around the trunk. Place the tree in the hole, teasing the roots out a little and firm up the soil round the rootball. Ensure that the tree is planted with the top of the rootball at the same level as surrounding soil.
- 2. Staking:** For larger trees I recommend three stakes positioned beyond the rootball. Use something soft and non-abrasive to hold the tree (old tyre tubing is very good). Ties should be positioned about 1m high and the top of the tree left to sway in the wind which will strengthen it. I believe staking is very important for at least the first year as it must hold the rootball from movement so that the new roots can establish themselves in the surrounding soil.
- 3. Watering:** After planting, water in with a good bucket of water. In summer we recommend a good bucket every third day or so - more or less depending on the weather. In winter a deciduous tree hardly requires any water, so don't drown it!
- 4. Mulching:** It has been recorded that a square metre of bare soil will lose around 2 litres of water on a hot day. Cover the root zone with 3-4 inches of bark/mulch (not lawn clippings). As most councils have their own chippers now, I think this would be a very good way to use it. Also, mulching will suppress weeds round the tree and save weed spray in the long run.
- 5. Fertilizer:** We recommend Nitrophoska Blue as an all-purpose fertilizer. Sprinkle a handful round the base of the tree at six week intervals between October and mid-January.

Leafland take the greatest care to have all trees dispatched true to name but will give no warranty as to growth or description. As we have no control over the area the trees are to be planted in we do not undertake to replace any failures.

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Tree Planting

To ensure healthy trees, start with Right Tree/Right Location.
Once you select a tree suited for your site and its microclimate, be sure to plant the tree correctly!

