Tree Planting

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

Incorrect

- Leader has been pruned
- Buds have been pruned
- Branch with narrow crotch angle not removed
- Short stake at angle, unprotected guy wires
- Tree staked for more than one year

Correct

- Light pruning: rubbing, crossed or damaged branches are removed
- Tree protected by loose tree guard, taken off after one year
- Trunk protected by loose tree guard, taken off after one year
- Deep mulch retaining excess moisture against trunk
- Highly amended soil has settled, sinking root ball, water collects
- Hole not wide enough
- Stake driven through root ball
- Treated burlap not removed or silt for root extension

Less potentially damaging nylon or plastic guying

Stake (if needed) driven into soil outside root ball, removed after one year

2" - 3" organic mulch applied well away from trunk, no black plastic mulch layer

All ropes removed, top half of burlap and wire basket removed, burlap silt for root extension

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