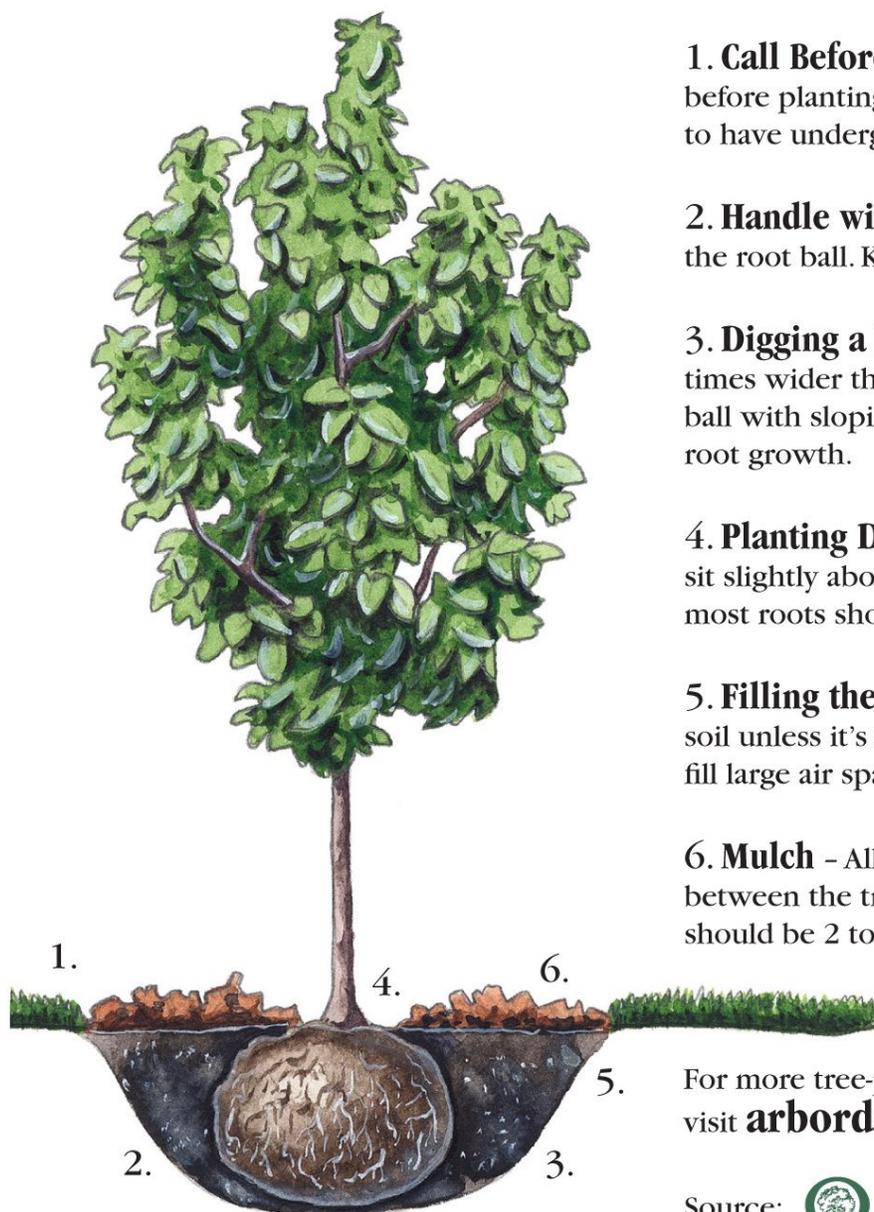


# Six things you should know when planting a tree.



**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 top-most 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.

5. For more tree-planting tips and information, visit [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

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## PLANT A TREE4LARCHMONT

### 3 ways to do it...

#### 1. Do it yourself!

Pick a tree native to our area: sugar maple, red oak, white spruce...or find more online at [villageoflarchmont.org/trees4larchmont](http://villageoflarchmont.org/trees4larchmont). Call 811 to have any buried utility lines marked a few days before you start digging, then follow the steps above. And remember! Your new tree will need to be watered this summer as it settles into its new home.

#### 2. Call your landscaper.

Landscapers often offer tree planting services. Consider a big tree for maximum benefits! Properly siting a large deciduous tree can keep your home cooler in the summer and help combat climate change by reducing energy consumption. Learn more at [arborday.org/trees/climatechange/summerShade.cfm](http://arborday.org/trees/climatechange/summerShade.cfm)

#### 3. Visit a local nursery.

Many area nurseries offer trees for sale and will plant them for you too. Consider what you want your tree to do for you before you go! Want to attract songbirds or pollinators? Hoping for brilliant fall color? Or maybe you'd like to cut energy costs? Get tree selection help at [arborday.org/trees/index-choosing.cfm](http://arborday.org/trees/index-choosing.cfm)

Once your tree has been planted, help us spread the word! Contact us at [trees4larchmont@gmail.com](mailto:trees4larchmont@gmail.com) and we will send you a green ribbon to tie on your tree. Then post a pic to Instagram and tag it #trees4larchmont for all to see!

For more information visit: [villageoflarchmont.org/trees4larchmont](http://villageoflarchmont.org/trees4larchmont)