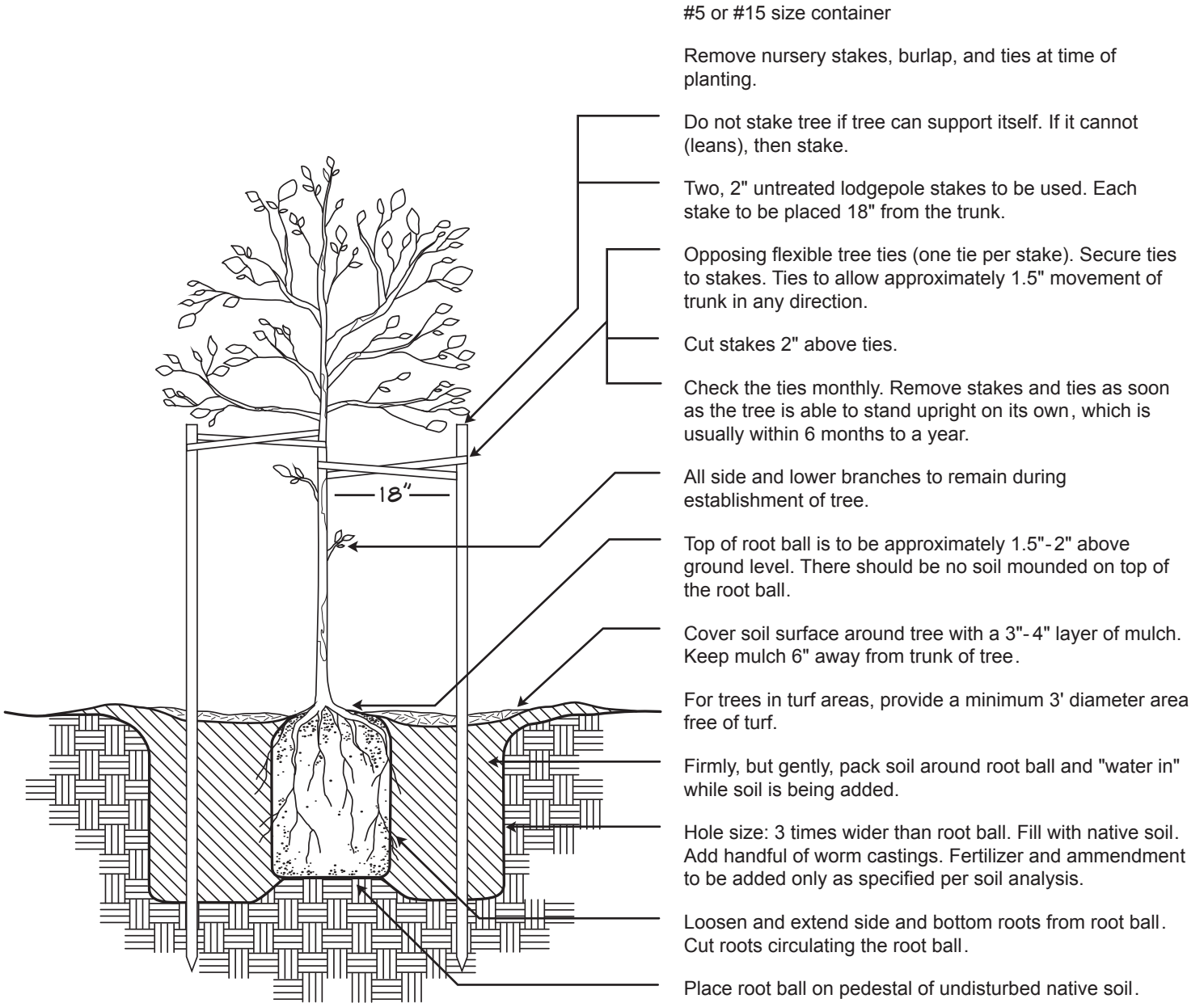


# TREE PLANTING



#5 or #15 size container

Remove nursery stakes, burlap, and ties at time of planting.

Do not stake tree if tree can support itself. If it cannot (leans), then stake.

Two, 2" untreated lodgepole stakes to be used. Each stake to be placed 18" from the trunk.

Opposing flexible tree ties (one tie per stake). Secure ties to stakes. Ties to allow approximately 1.5" movement of trunk in any direction.

Cut stakes 2" above ties.

Check the ties monthly. Remove stakes and ties as soon as the tree is able to stand upright on its own, which is usually within 6 months to a year.

All side and lower branches to remain during establishment of tree.

Top of root ball is to be approximately 1.5"-2" above ground level. There should be no soil mounded on top of the root ball.

Cover soil surface around tree with a 3"-4" layer of mulch. Keep mulch 6" away from trunk of tree.

For trees in turf areas, provide a minimum 3' diameter area free of turf.

Firmly, but gently, pack soil around root ball and "water in" while soil is being added.

Hole size: 3 times wider than root ball. Fill with native soil. Add handful of worm castings. Fertilizer and ammendment to be added only as specified per soil analysis.

Loosen and extend side and bottom roots from root ball. Cut roots circulating the root ball.

Place root ball on pedestal of undisturbed native soil.

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