

How do I plant a tree?

1. Dig a saucer shaped hole the depth of the tree. *Call Gopher State One Call at 811 or visit gopherstateonecall.org before digging to avoid hitting utility lines.*
 - Bare root tree: three foot diameter hole
 - Container grown tree: three to four times wider than container
 - Ball and burlap tree: two to three times wider than root ball
2. Plant the tree.
 - Bare root trees will need soil to be filled in gently between the roots to help stabilize the tree.
 - Container grown trees will need to be taken out of the container and cut using the "box cut method" which is cube shaped.
- Ball and burlap trees may have wire baskets holding the root ball together that will need to be cut off.
3. Water the tree.
 - Give the tree plenty of water after planting; let it soak in.
4. Mulch the tree.
 - When mulching the tree, create a donut shape around the tree. Leave at least two inches of space between the trunk and the mulch.
 - Keep the mulch moist but not soggy.
 - During the first year, water every 7-10 days if weather is dry.

Questions?

Contact the City of Marshall Parks Department at 507-537-6786 for a species recommendation if you are unsure what type of tree to plant in your yard.

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RESIDENT'S GUIDE ON HOW TO PLANT A TREE



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What should I research if I want to plant a tree?

Species Choice

When deciding what type of tree to plant in your yard, start by looking for a tree that can survive in Marshall's changing climate. Marshall is in hardiness Zone 5.

Spacing

Determine the spacing you have to plant a tree in your yard. Trees differ in height and spread. Ensure that the tree you choose has space to grow.

Fruiting

Some trees will bear fruit or seeds that can make for a messy yard cleanup. Choose a tree that you are willing to take care of through its whole life cycle.

Pruning

Trees require structural pruning to keep it stable; some species require more attention than others.

Read the Marshall Tree Policy on the City of Marshall Street Department webpage if planting in the right of way.

What types of trees are available to buy?

Bare Root Trees

Bare root trees are trees that are not in any type of container and have bare roots with no soil.

Pros: cheap, easy to plant

Cons: can take longer to grow, usually a small caliper tree

Container Grown Trees

Container grown trees are trees that are grown in pots of some sort and can vary in shape and size.

Pros: medium sized tree for a medium price

Cons: roots can become girdled when forced to grow in the container

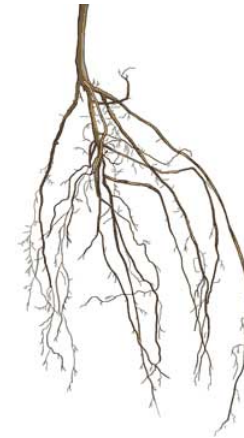
Ball & Burlap Trees

Ball and burlap trees are trees that were grown in the ground and were dug up.

Pros: immediate wow factor with a bigger tree

Cons: very heavy, takes a long time to plant

Bare root tree



Container grown tree



Ball & burlap tree

