

Did you know?

Tree Permits

The City of West Fargo residents are required to obtain and submit a tree planting permit before planting any boulevard trees. Residents are also required to obtain and submit a tree removal permit prior to removing any boulevard tree. The forestry department will inspect the tree to ensure a healthy tree is not being removed. This permit also requires a replacement tree be planted in its place. Visit the forestry website for more info at: westfargond.gov/272/Forestry.

**City-generated mulch chips can be picked up for free at the Transfer Station during business hours.
(7:30 - 3:30 M - F)**

Grass & Leaves Drop-off Locations

1. West Fargo Sanitation - 117 Eighth St. W.
2. South Elmwood Park - 501 13th Ave. E.
3. Dave's West Fargo Tire - 1225 Main Ave E.
4. Eagle Run Water Tower - 4015 Fourth St. W.

Curbside Branch Pickup

The City of West Fargo provides curbside branch pickup on garbage day beginning June 4 on residential properties. Please follow these guidelines:

- Branches should measure 4 feet or less in length and be no greater than 6 inches in diameter. Stacks should be no larger than 3 feet in diameter.
- Stack branches neatly on the boulevard in front of your home, cut ends toward the street. Do not tie or bundle them.
- Do not place stacks near mailboxes, vehicles, sprinklers, or on concrete.
- Remove all roots, stump and dirt. Piles containing nails, metal, stones, vines, willow whips, railroad ties, lumber, or anything other than branches will not be collected. These must be taken to the Transfer Station.
- This program is not intended to subsidize commercial tree service work. City crews will not pickup any piles generated by commercial tree services. Proper disposal is the responsibility of the property owner and/or tree service.
- Residents can haul brush and branches to the Transfer Station for free. If you need to dispose of large amounts contact the Sanitation Department at 701-433-5500.



FORESTRY FACTS

Planting Diagram

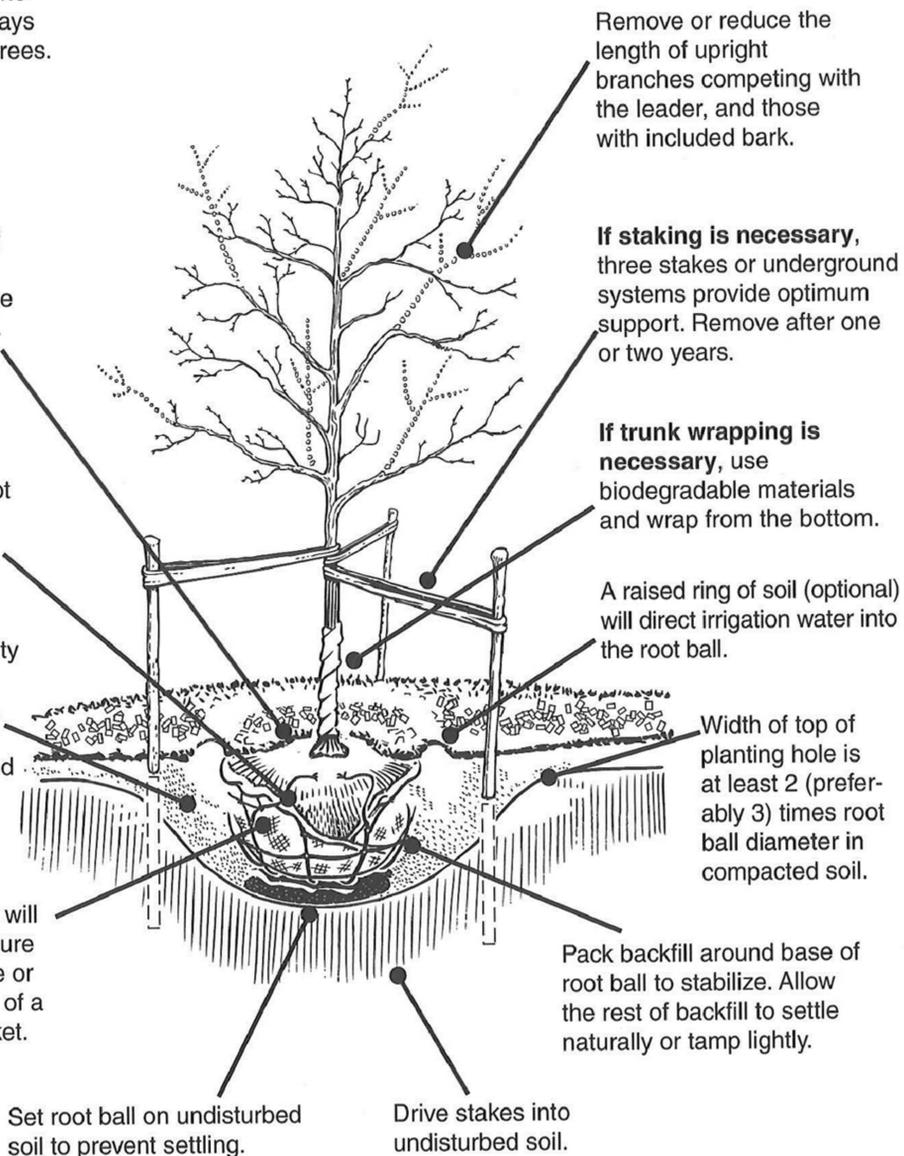
Structural roots should be at or slightly above the surrounding grade. The root flare will not always be visible on young trees.

Apply a maximum of 2 to 3 inches (5–7.5 cm) of mulch over the root ball and backfill. Keep mulch away from trunk base.

Remove burlap and twine from top of root ball. Remove all synthetic materials.

Sites with high-quality soil do not require backfill amendment. Composted organic matter may be added on sites with poor-quality soil.

A low-profile basket will not interfere with future root growth. Cut one or two rings of wire off of a traditional wire basket.



Remove or reduce the length of upright branches competing with the leader, and those with included bark.

If staking is necessary, three stakes or underground systems provide optimum support. Remove after one or two years.

If trunk wrapping is necessary, use biodegradable materials and wrap from the bottom.

A raised ring of soil (optional) will direct irrigation water into the root ball.

Width of top of planting hole is at least 2 (preferably 3) times root ball diameter in compacted soil.

Pack backfill around base of root ball to stabilize. Allow the rest of backfill to settle naturally or tamp lightly.

Set root ball on undisturbed soil to prevent settling.

Drive stakes into undisturbed soil.

Tips for Planting Trees

- Dig the proper sized hole for the tree. If the hole is too deep or too shallow, the tree may not survive.
- The tree should be properly secured using guide wires, straps, and stakes or poles.
- Mulching around the base of the tree will keep the roots cooler and can increase a tree's chances of survival.
- Water newly planted trees at least once per week for the first year.
- Watering bags can be used to slowly deliver water to the tree.

Newly Constructed Homes

Newly constructed homes in West Fargo pay a tree deposit when their building permit is taken out. This deposit then gets returned to the resident after they install their boulevard trees. The first step is filling out and submitting a tree planting permit, which can be found on the City's website. After the permit is received, the Forestry Department will stop at the residence and mark the locations for the trees. After the trees are planted, please contact the Forestry Department to start the refund process.

