

TREE PLANTING GUIDE

Planting trees is a vital act for the environment and the well-being of our community. In Pointe-Claire, we encourage every resident to contribute to the greening of our private spaces. By planting trees, you play an active role in preserving the urban canopy, which is essential for improving air quality, providing habitat for wildlife, and contributing to the climate regulation of our city.



WHERE TO PLANT A TREE ON YOUR PROPERTY?

Choosing the right location is important for your tree's growth:

- Plant your tree more than 3 m (10 feet) from the roof projection to avoid damage from branches.
- Ensure the tree is at least 2 m (6.5 feet) from any paved path or structure to allow healthy root development.
- Keep a distance of at least 1 m (3 feet) from your property line or municipal easement.
- For optimal growth, plant your new tree more than 5 m (16.5 feet) from another tree.



HOW TO PLANT YOUR TREE ?

Follow these steps to plant your tree correctly:

1. PREPARE THE PLANTING HOLE

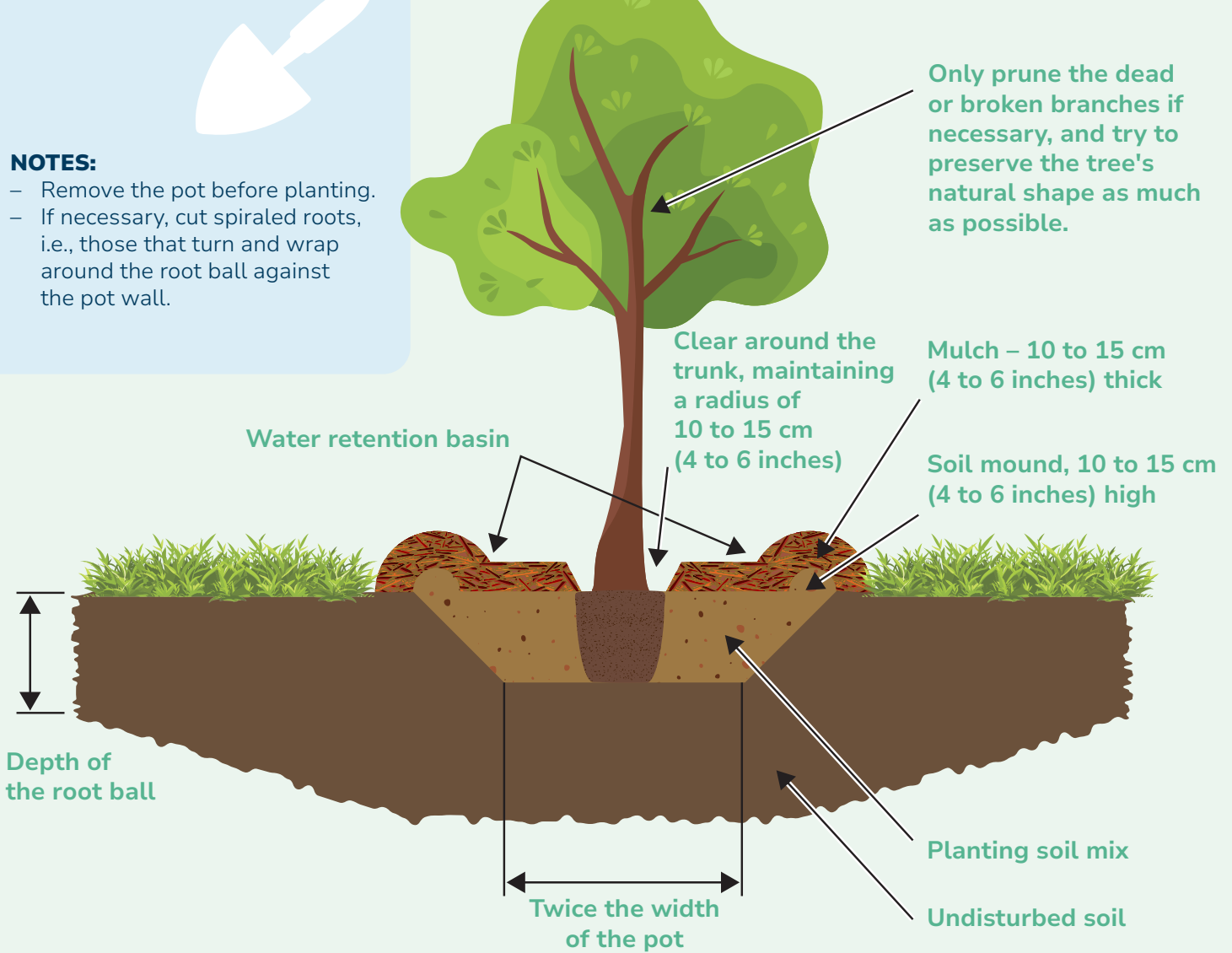
- The hole should be as deep as the container of the tree and at least twice its width.
- Use some of the soil removed from the hole, making sure to remove any grass clippings and stones, then mix it with some new soil.

2. INSTALL THE TREE

- Remove the tree from its container and ensure the top of the roots is level with the ground. Adjust the depth if necessary.
- Ensure the tree is straight before filling the hole with garden soil.
- Form a mound of soil around the tree to create a basin which will help direct water towards the roots.
- Water generously after planting.
- Add 10 to 15 cm (4 to 6 inches) of mulch around the tree to maintain moisture and protect the roots, leaving the immediate area around the trunk clear.

NOTES:

- Remove the pot before planting.
- If necessary, cut spiraled roots, i.e., those that turn and wrap around the root ball against the pot wall.



3. TREE MAINTENANCE

- Water the tree once a week from planting until the end of October to keep the soil moist.
- From the following year, water every two weeks for the next four years. Water more frequently during drought periods, making sure to comply with the city's regulations on the use of potable water.
- Water early in the morning or in the evening to maximize water absorption by the roots.
- In the fall, regularly water your conifers and evergreen plants to prepare them for winter.

4. PROTECTING YOUR TREE

- Install a protective mesh around the trunk in the fall, about 1 m (3 feet) high, to prevent rodents such as rabbits and mice from climbing and gnawing on the bark.
- Choose a mesh made from polyethylene or galvanized metal to allow better air and water circulation.



For more information about trees in Pointe-Claire, scan this QR code.

