

## FOLLOW THESE STEPS FOR SUCCESSFUL TREE PLANTING











STEP 1

STEP 2

STEP 3

STEP 4

STEP 5

Plant your tree where it will get lots of sunshine and has room to grow!

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Dig a hole
10" deep by 8"
wide. Find your
tree's root collar,
a spot located just
above the roots
where the stem
changes color or
becomes fatter.
Plant your tree
at this depth.

Make sure your tree's roots hang freely in the planting hole and are not bent or twisted.



Replace the loose soil gently around your tree's roots. Be sure to give your tree a good drink of water. You may want to place mulch (wood-chips, grass, leaves) around the base of the tree to help hold in moisture.





# Alien insects invade Wisconsin trees!



Insects that recycle wood and nibble on leaves are vital parts of the food web. Native forest pests are eaten by predators, weakened by parasites, and killed by diseases. Their populations are usually kept under control.





The same cannot be said for tree-eating insects that have come from other parts of the world. When they left their homelands, they left behind all their predators, diseases, and parasites. With nothing to control their populations here, they are free to reproduce. They can spread way too fast!



Emerald ash borer, a wood-boring beetle native to Asia, is responsible for killing millions of ash trees in the United States. Emerald ash borers and other harmful tree pests and diseases can move around on firewood.

### What can YOU do to STOP insect invaders?

- > Don't move firewood.
- > Buy your firewood where you plan to use it.
- Burn up all your firewood before you move.



#### Find These Words

INVASIVE	EMERALD
ALIEN	ASH
INSECT	BORER
PEST	FIREWOOD
PREDATOR	PARASITE

#### Find Out More!

Have any insect invaders spread to trees near you? Find out by visiting these Web sites:



- www.arborday.org
- http://dnr.wi.gov/eek/earth/aliens. htm
- www.treemusketeers.org
- www.dnr.wi.gov keyword "invasives"
- http://dnr.wi.gov/eek/cool/lurkers.htm

#### For Teachers & Adults

- www.treesaregood.com
- www.leafprogram.org
- www.dnr.wi.gov keywords "urban forest"





