1. Keep root ball moist at all times. Dry roots die.

2. Remove tree from container by holding trunk with one hand and pushing away or down on container with other hand.

3. Remove excess soil to top of first woody root.

4. If encircling woody roots (pencil size or larger) are found, remove by sawing off sides of root ball.

5. Dig a hole two times the width of root ball and as deep as distance from bottom of root ball to top of first woody root.

Celebrate Arbor Month—plant trees.
Carefully place tree in hole, making sure it stands straight and top of first woody root is at ground level.

Backfill hole to top of first woody root.

Heel in soil with foot over entire backfill area to remove air pockets in the soil.

Water root ball and entire backfill area.

Layer 2”–4” of mulch over backfilled area, keeping mulch away from trunk.

Don’t create a mulch volcano.