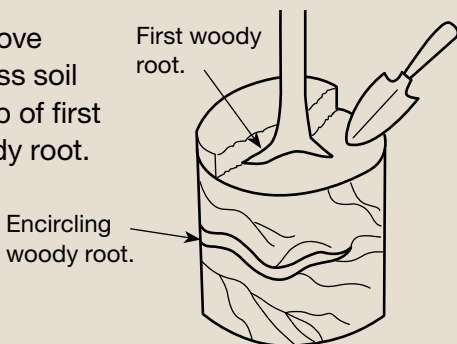# How to Plant a Containerized Tree
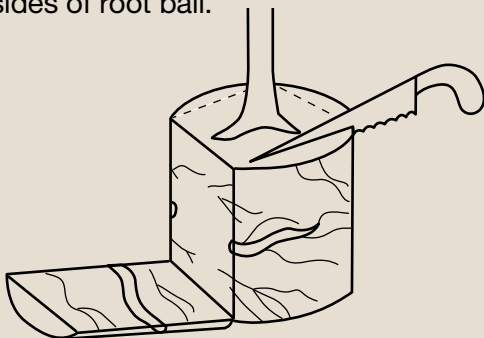
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1 Keep root ball moist at all times. Dry roots die.

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.
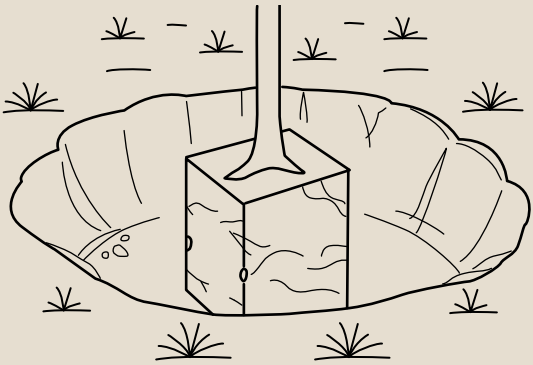
First woody root.

Encircling 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.

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6 Carefully place tree in hole, making sure it stands straight and top of first woody root is at ground level.
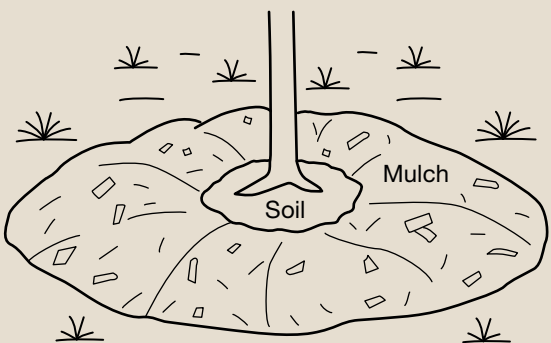

7 Backfill hole to top of first woody root.

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

9 Water root ball and entire backfill area.

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

Mulch

Soil

Don't create a mulch volcano.