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How to Plant a Tree

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Step 1

Remove turf and dig a hole wider and deeper than the tree's roots. Loosen base and sides of the hole to improve drainage, and add garden compost.



Step 2

Position the tree in the hole. Lay a stick across the hole to check that the planting depth is right. Do not bury the root crown.



Step 3

Backfill with soil around the roots, pressing down occasionally with your heel, to remove air pockets around roots. Water really well.



WHAT IS A STREAM BUFFER?

Stream buffers are strips of trees and other vegetation along creeks that are critical to the health of our streams, rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and estuaries.

Stream Buffers slow down and filter pollutants like oils and pesticides and help reduce erosion, which helps keep our water clean and safe for everyone!

Check with your local government before doing any cutting or clearing in buffers, and never apply fertilizers or pesticides near a waterway!

Good tree species for stream buffers in North Carolina:
Evergreen
Deciduous



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SPRUCE UP YOUR BUFFER WITH TREES!



Streams are healthiest when their buffers are forested. And healthy streams mean clean, safe water for fishing, drinking, and swimming

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