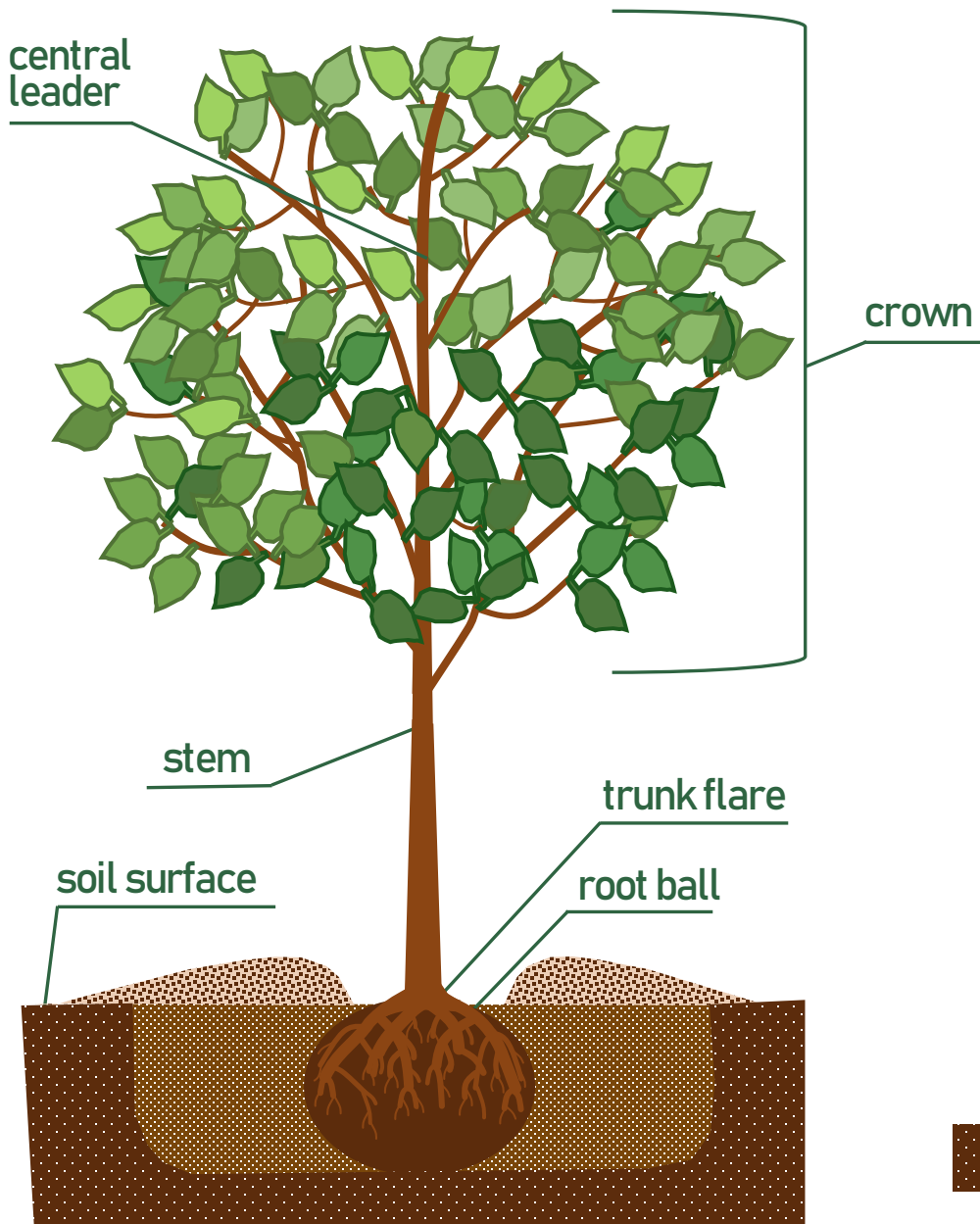


How to Plant Your New Tree



1

Dig a hole 3 times the diameter of the root ball and as deep as the root ball.

2

Handling the tree only by the container or the root ball and lower stem, remove the container, then lower the tree into the hole. For balled and burlap trees, center the tree in the hole, then carefully cut away the burlap and wire basket.

3

Cut all visible encircling roots.

4

Ensure the central leader is straight and the trunk flare is above the soil surface. Add soil underneath the root ball as needed until positioned properly.

5

Backfill soil until it is level with the surrounding soil surface. Tamp soil gently to avoid air pockets.

6

Flood the hole with water to settle the soil around the roots.

7

Add mulch 2-3 inches deep in a ring around the tree, ensuring that no mulch touches the trunk flare of the tree.

8

Sign up for Reforest Montgomery Water Alerts and water the tree between March 1 and November 30 (or the first frost).



Original, packed soil



Hole filled with loosely packed soil after planting



Mulch