Tree Planting Tips

1. Properly match tree to planting site. Be wary of planting invasive or non-native species. Check with local Department of Natural Resources.

2. Have adequate tools available:
   - Spade shaped shovel
   - Picks and pry bars for hard soil or rocks
   - Tree cart or wheel barrel for large size tree.
   - Stakes and wire retainers with rubber hose supports
   - Mulch
   - Maul or stake driver
   - Water

3. Dig planting hole twice the wide as the tree ball.

4. Remove and discard wire and or other wrapping from tree ball.

5. Gently place tree ball in ground with roots loosened and fill with dirt. Top of tree ball should be even with the ground line. Be careful not to place rocks or other debris into backfill.

6. Backfill dirt and gently tamp to remove air pockets.

7. Drive stakes into ground approximately six inches beyond the digging area.

8. Secure tree trunk to the stakes with wire retainers making sure the rubber hose supports prevent the tree bark from being scraped. Remember to remove stakes and supports after one year.

9. Water Tree

10. Place mulch over digging site and tree base.

11. Photograph or film tree planting for reflection and celebration activity and/or media coverage.