

How to plant a tree

Thanks for helping to increase York's tree canopy by planting a tree for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Follow the simple steps below to plant your tree in a location where you have the landowner's permission. Once you have your sapling, try to plant it as soon as possible to give it the best start!



Equipment you will need:

- Young tree (sapling)
- Spade and Gardening Fork
- Cane or stake to support the tree guard or spiral

STEP 1

Dig a hole deep enough to fit in all the tree's roots. Make sure to keep the soil close by as you'll need it to refill the hole in a moment.



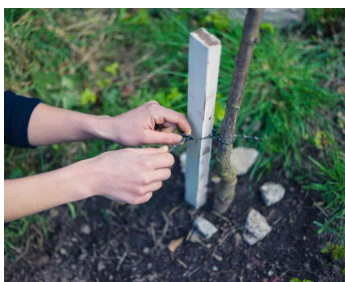
STEP 2

Place the tree inside the hole, keeping the base of the stem level where the roots begin with the surrounding ground. It is very important that the roots but not the stem are in the soil.



STEP 3

Holding the tree steady, refill the hole with the soil you initially dug out. Firm up the soil with the heel of your shoes, but avoid the tree, to make sure there are no air pockets – this will help prevent frost developing during the colder months.



STEP 4

With the tree upright and firmly in place, press the cane or hammer the stake into the soil a few inches away from your tree's base, taking care not to break any of the roots.

STEP 5

Place your spiral around the cane and sapling or fit your tree guard over the tree and attach to the stake. Push the guard or spiral into the ground slightly, this will keep your tree safe from unwanted pests.



Watch a short video on 'How to plant a tree' at:
www.queensgreencanopy.org/plant

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