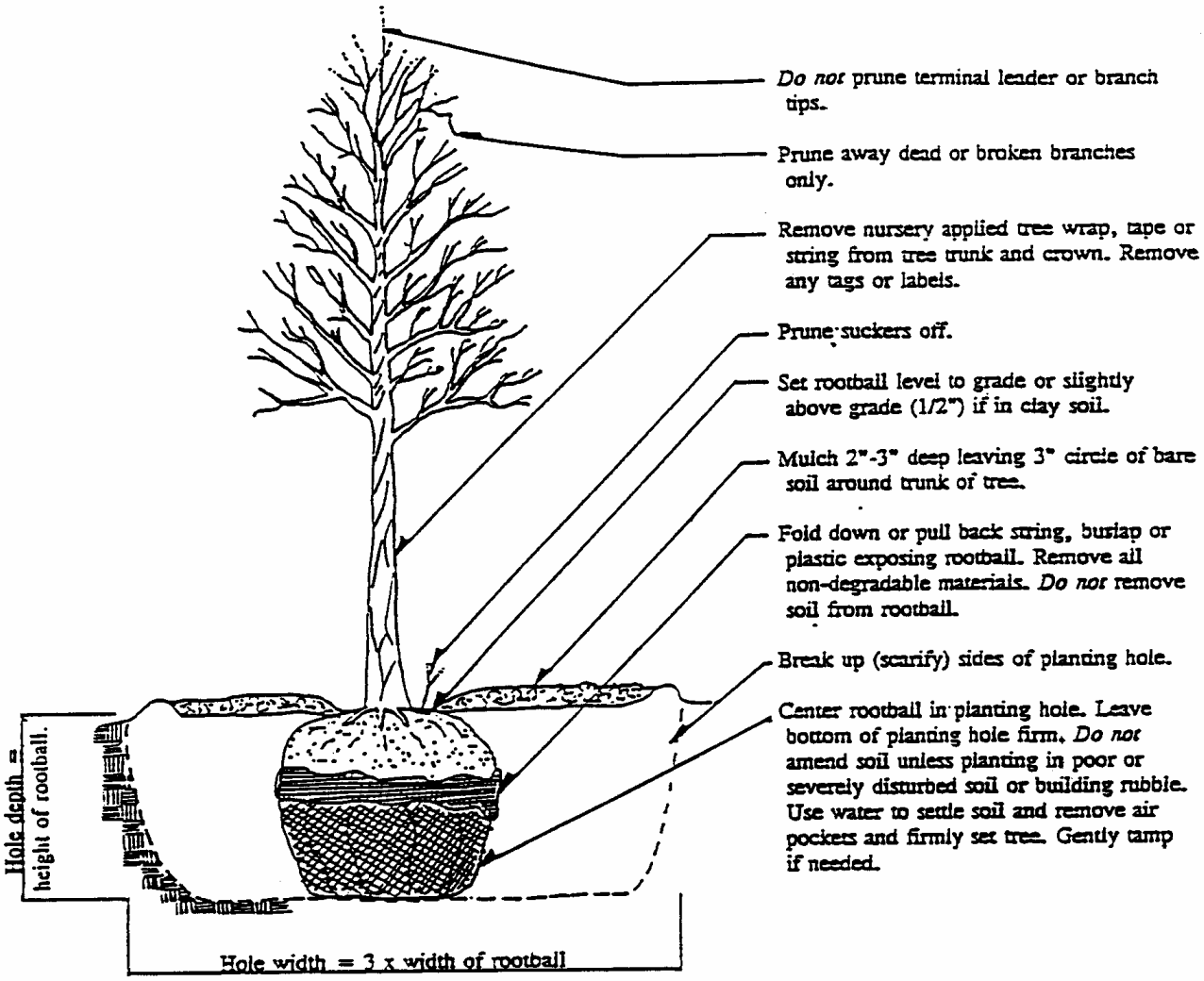
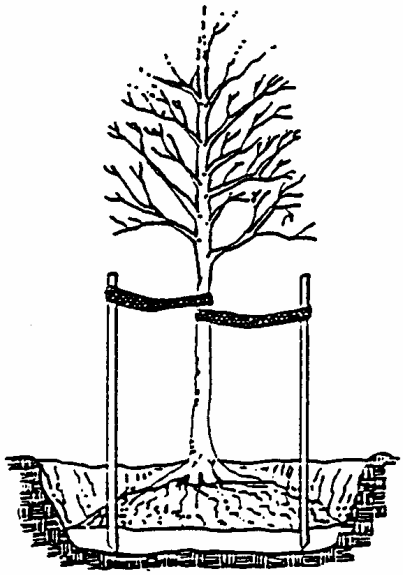


Do not stake unless in heavy clay soil, windy conditions, 3" or greater diameter tree trunk or large crown. If staking is needed due to these conditions:

- Stake with 2 X 2 hardwood stakes or approved equal driven 6"-8" outside of rootball.
- Loosely stake tree trunk to allow for trunk flexing.
- Stake trees just *below* first branch with 2"-3" wide belt-like, nylon or plastic straps (2 per tree on opposite sides of tree, connect from tree to stake horizontally. *Do not* use rope or wire through a hose.)
- Remove all staking materials after 1 year.



TREE PLANTING DETAIL

Scale: No scale

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