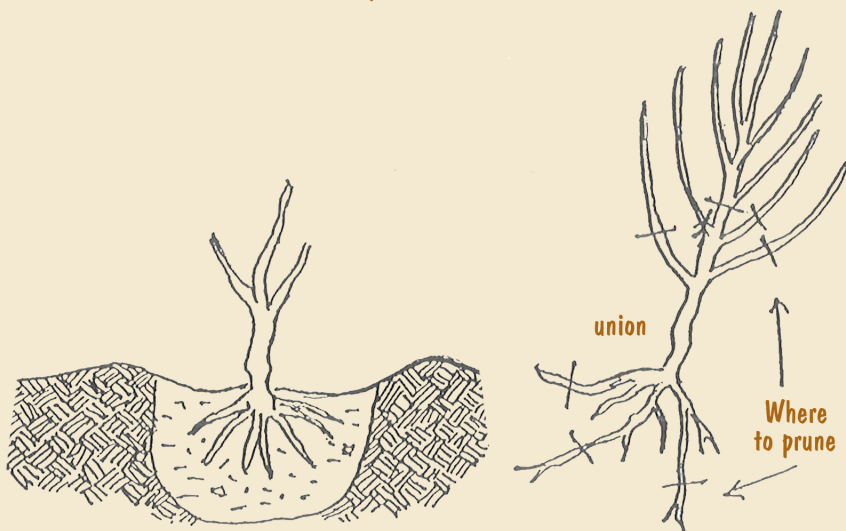


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Planting Fruit Trees

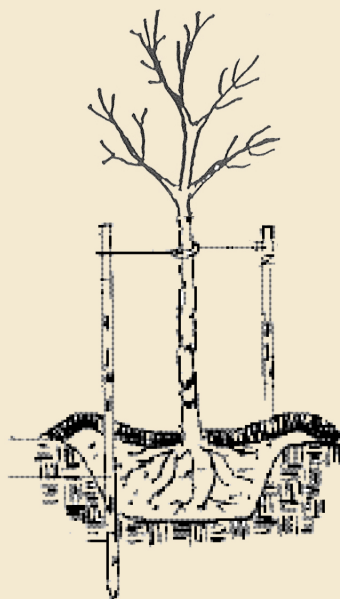
1. Prune top, cut back 30%-40% (or a bit more for home planting). Remove all but 3 to 5 well spaced branches. Shorten to 2 or 3 buds.
2. Prune roots, cut out broken roots, shorten long stringy ones.
3. Dig a big planting hole so the roots are not crowded.
4. Mix one part soil amendment with 3 parts soil to put in around the roots. Add slow release fertilizer.
5. Pull tree up gently so that bud union is above ground and firm the soil.
6. Water in well to settle soil, then **DO NOT WATER** again until the tree is in leaf.
7. Whitewash trunks of walnuts, pecans, persimmons, cherries and apples to protect from sun. (Whitewash with a 50/50 mix of water based white latex paint and water)



Planting Shade Trees

If you have a bare root tree, plant like this:

1. Dig a big planting hole so the roots aren't crowded.
2. Mix one part soil amendment with 3 parts soil to put in around roots. Add slow release fertilizer.
3. Make a watering basin away from the trunk and stake tree with 2 stakes if needed. Tie tree to stakes loosely so tree can move with the breeze.
4. Water in well to settle soil and **DO NOT WATER** again until in leaf.



If your tree is in a container, plant like this:

1. Dig a hole twice the width and 1 1/2 times the depth of the root ball.
2. Slip out of container and do not jar or crack the ball. Loosen a few roots at the bottom and sides of ball.
3. Continue as above.

