Planting Checklist

A. Place the plants. Anyplace is fine, but avoid putting the same species next to each other. Use the sticks to space them.

If there's a bare root tree, put a little stick or stone to mark its place.

Handle a **bare root** tree by the skinny trunk.
Handle a **potted** plant by the pot, keeping it in the pot while checking out the hole.

B. Dig the hole. Estimate the right size of hole. (Collect removed soil in an empty bucket.)

DIAMETER
Bare – One person take tree from water, holding upright by trunk, gently spread the roots out. Other person outline the area.
Potted – One place the pot on the ground, the other outlines the base of pot.

DEPTH
1. Where's the Flare?
Bare – One hold the tree in the hole, the other place the stick across the hole.
Potted – One place the pot in the hole, the other place the stick across the hole.
– Is the flare level with the ground? If not, add or remove soil.

2. Feeling Firm?
– Remove plant and check that the bottom of the hole is firm. Good? Tell Guide.

3. Guide will check the flare and the firmness. If all's well, Guide adds duff at the bottom of the hole. (~1/4 cup)

C. Plant.

Bare – One hold the plant straight, checking that the flare stays at ground level; the other gently spread the roots out and cover them with soil. Continue to hold as the other firmly, gently tamps the soil a couple times to remove air. Holder let go.

Potted – One removes plant from pot, pull away ("fluff") roots at edge of soil, place it in the hole, and hold it straight; if the flare is at ground level, the other fills in the hole and firmly tamps it to remove air. Holder let go.

D. Water. Pour on some water right after planting. When all 4 are planted, divide the remaining water among them... Move tools to the next Planting Spot.

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