

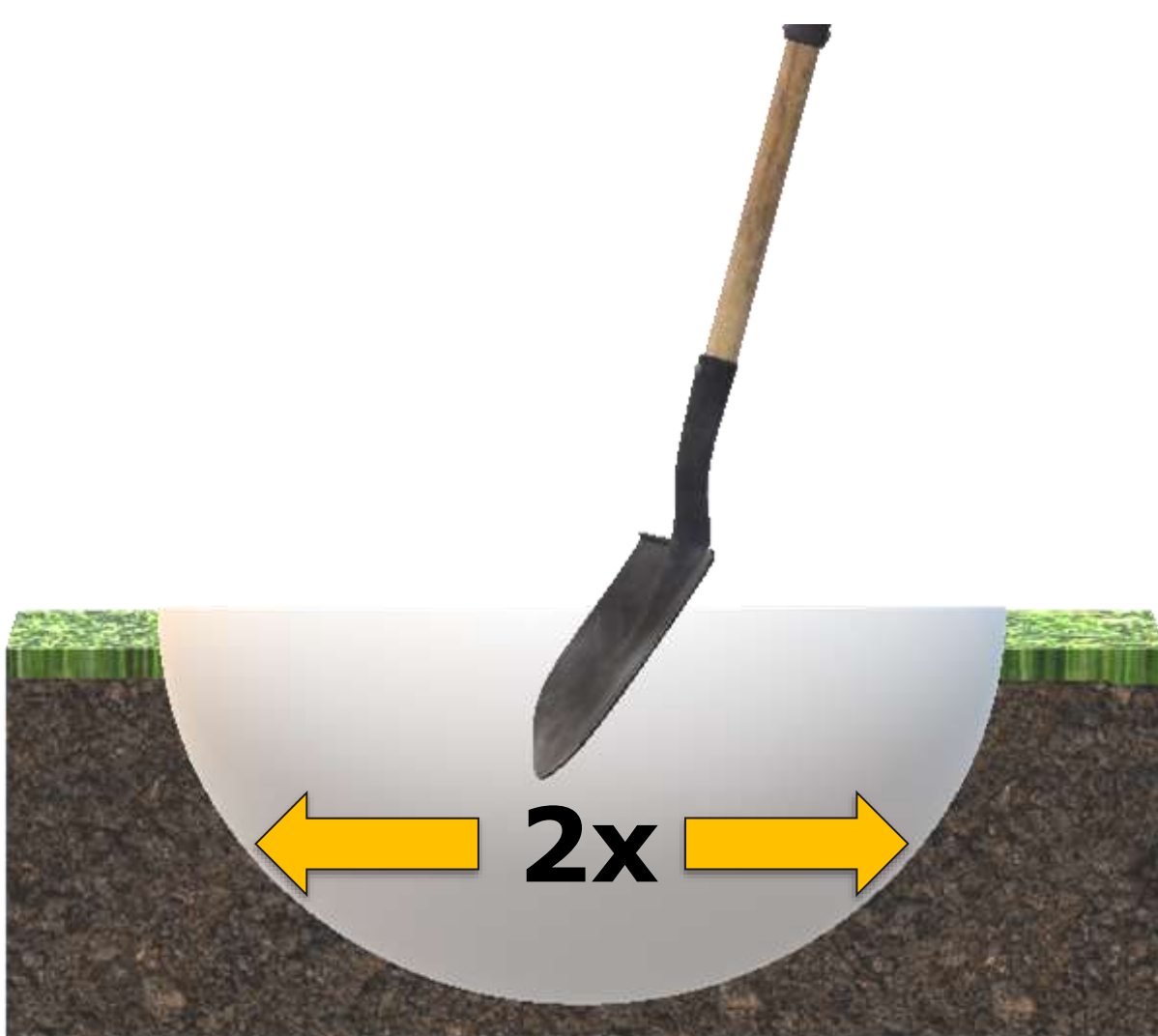


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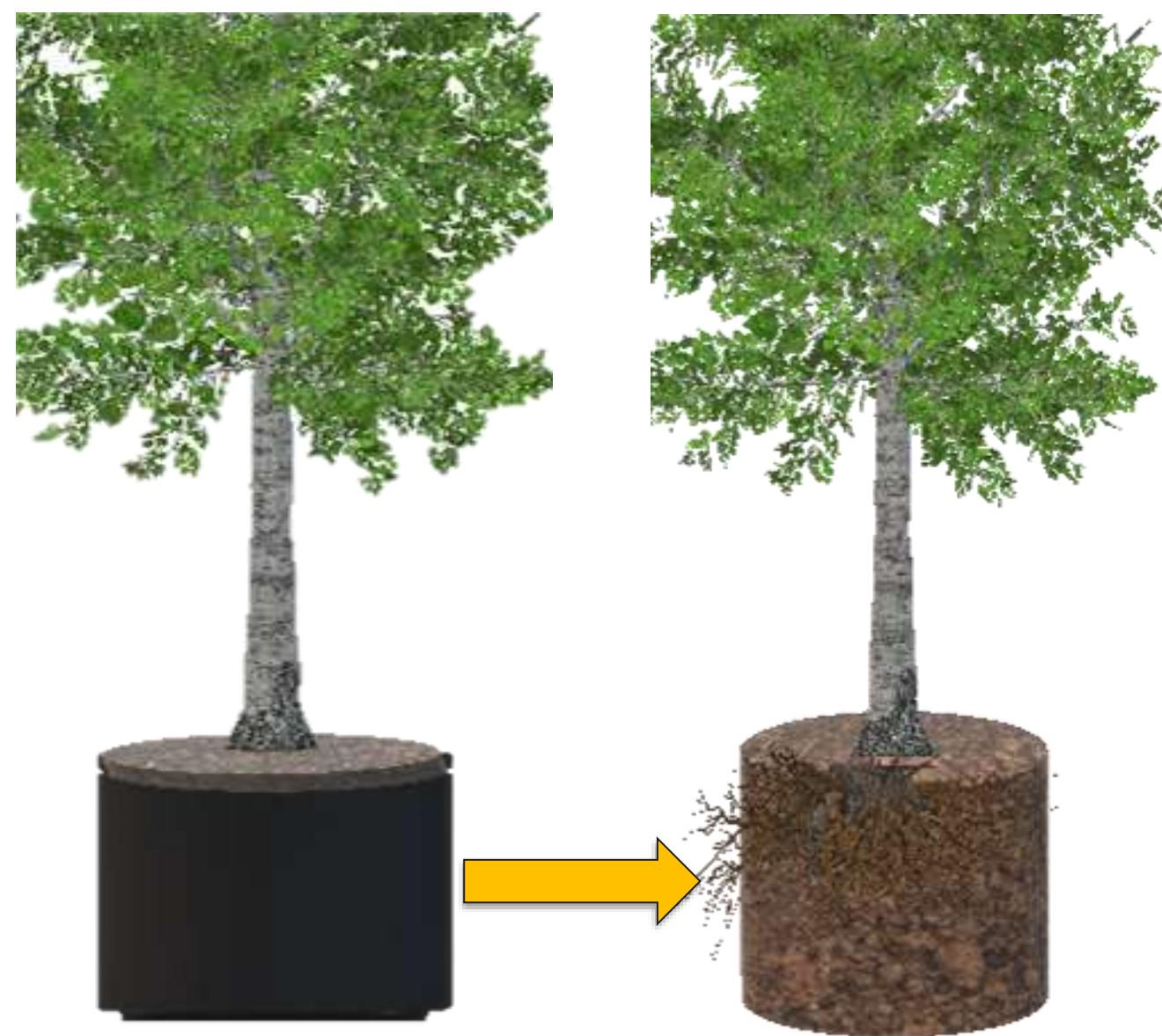


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## A Step-by-Step Guide: Container Tree Planting



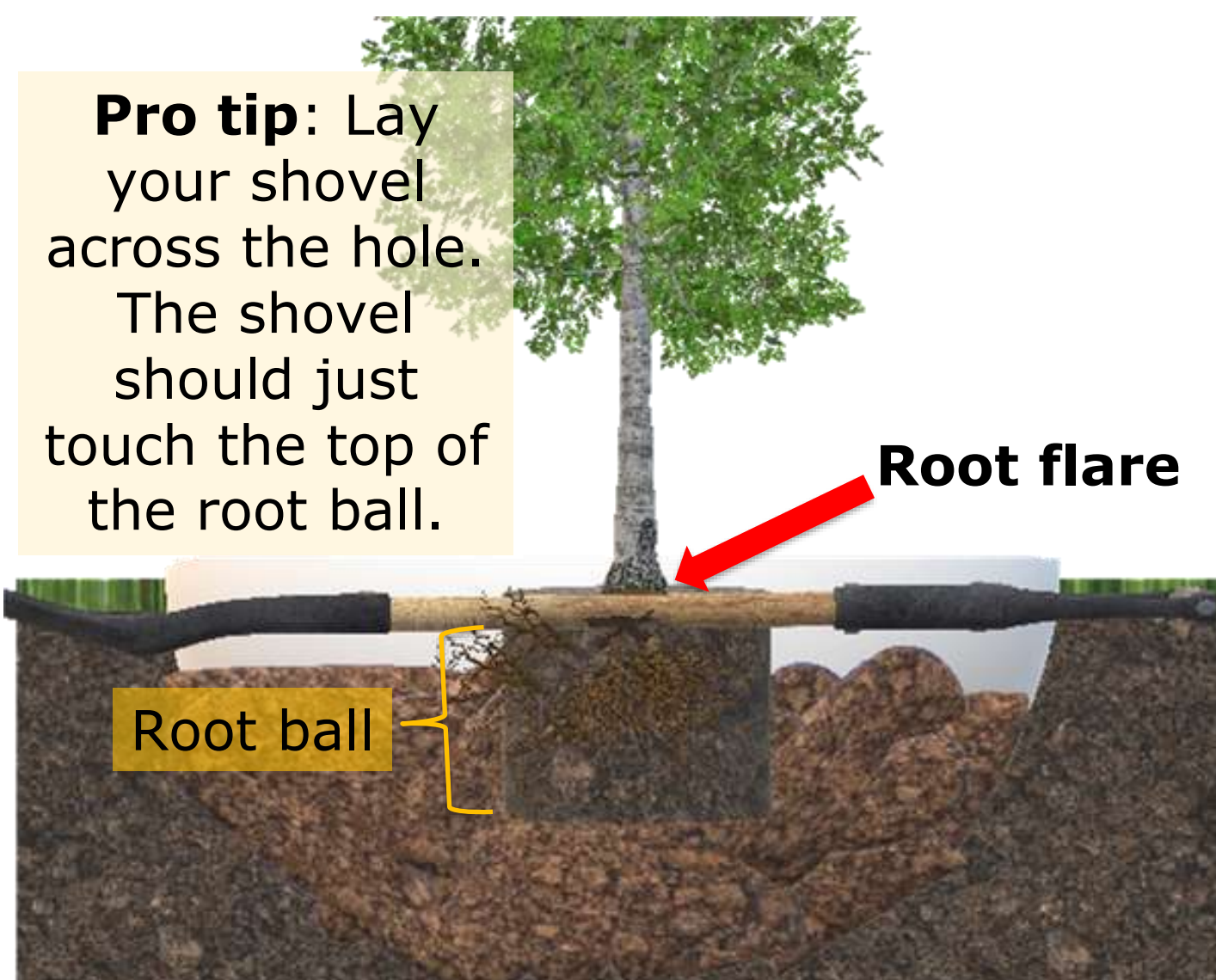
**1 Dig** a hole as deep as the root ball and twice as wide.



**2 Remove** the tree out of its container or burlap sack.



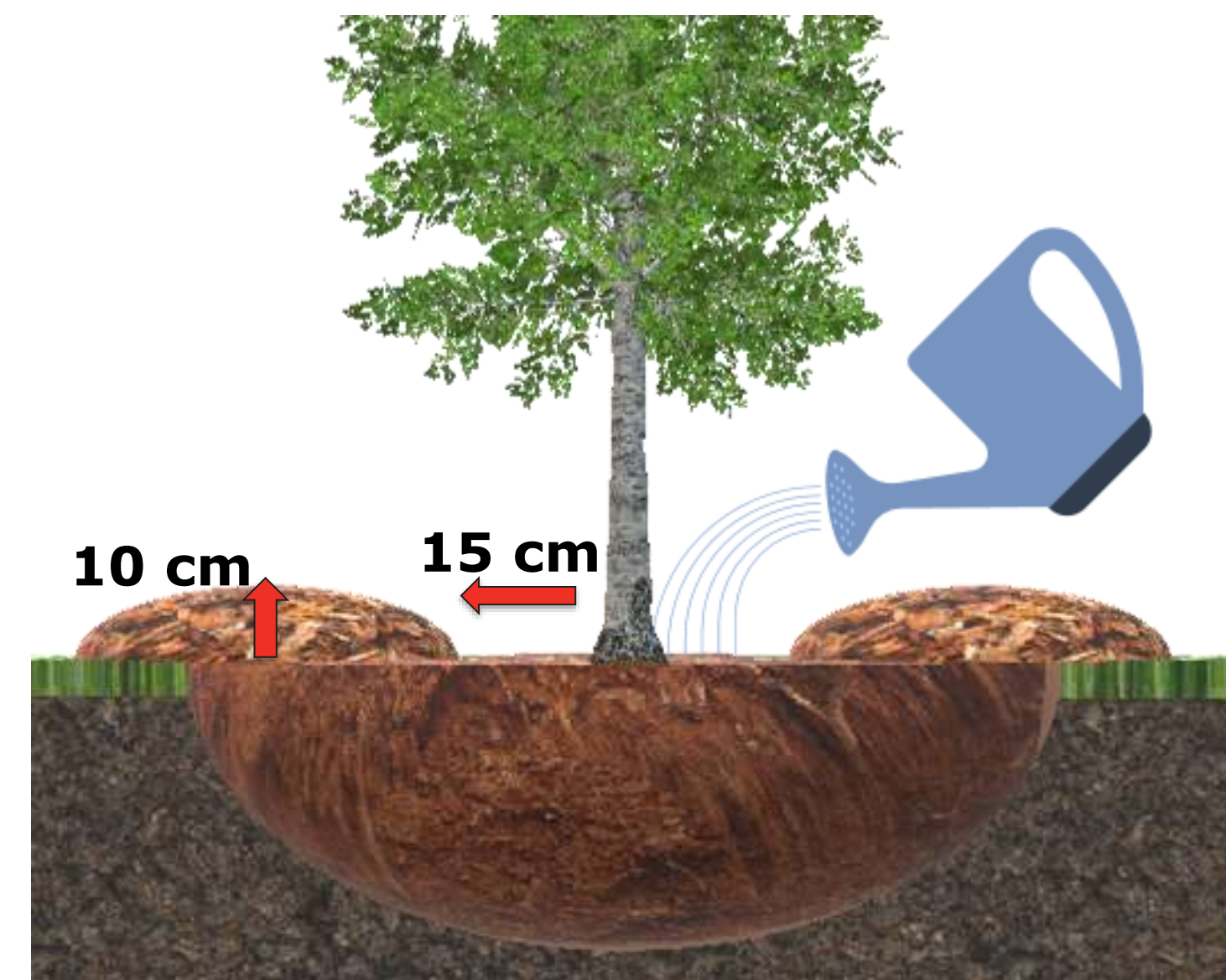
**3 Loosen the roots** with a shovel or your fingers.



**4 Back fill** the hole. The area where the top-most roots meet the trunk base (root flare) should be visible above the soil.



**5 Gently press** down on the soil to ensure there are no air pockets.



**6 Water** the tree. Add mulch around the tree; 15cm from the trunk and 10cm thick.

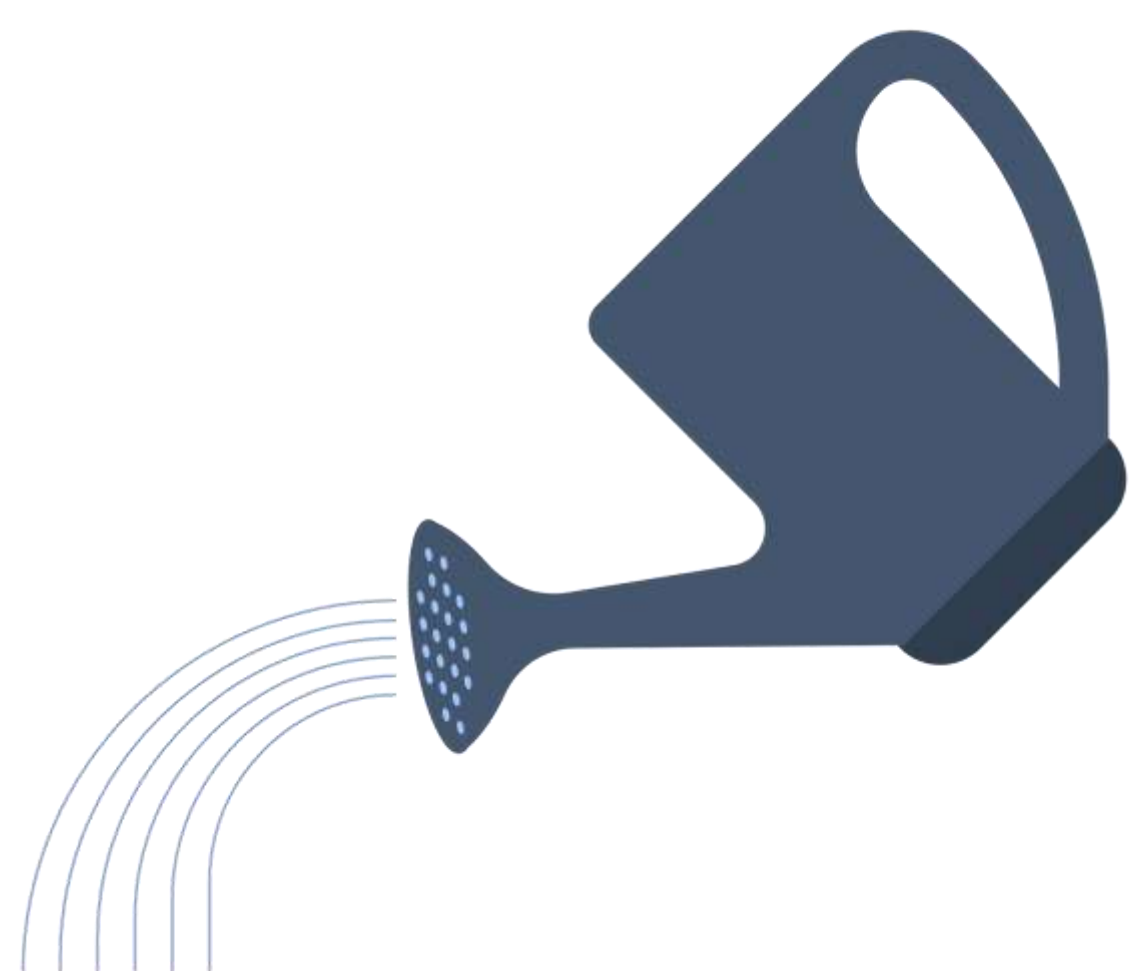


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## Tree Planting Aftercare



### Water

Watering helps support the tree while it establishes its root system. Water once a week for the first 2 years. The average tree needs at least 4 liters of water each time its watered.

**To learn more about watering, see pages 53-54 in the Ontario Landscape Tree Planting Guide (QR code - top right corner)**

### Mulch

Mulch keeps weeds out and water in. Check your tree in spring and fall and reapply mulch if needed. A layer of mulch 10cm thick is ideal. Apply mulch around your tree, leaving a 15cm gap away from the trunk.

**To learn more about mulching, see pages 51-53 in the Ontario Landscape Tree Planting Guide (QR code - top right corner)**



### Stake

Staking helps stabilize and protect your tree. It may be useful in areas exposed to high winds or areas where trees may be damaged by vehicles, equipment or vandalism. Wide nylon, canvas straps or nylon stockings should be used for wrapping around one side of the trunk and should not be tied tightly.

**To learn more about staking, see page 49 in the Ontario Landscape Tree Planting Guide (QR code - top right corner)**