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Curb Appeal Lesson One: Trees and Shrubs

Student Handouts

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Activity #2: Steps to Planting Trees and Shrubs Script

- Step 1: Dig a shallow hole twice as wide as the root ball.
- Step 2: If soil is well-drained, dig holes as deep as the root ball. If soil is not well-drained, dig holes 1-2 inches shallower.
- Step 3: Widen and score hole wall.
- Step 4: Remove container or burlap.
- Step 5: Cut circling roots.
- Step 6: Put tree or shrub in hole.
- Step 7: Backfill half the soil.
- Step 8: Water thoroughly.
- Step 9: Backfill more soil.
- Step 10: Remove tags and labels.
- Step 11: Water more.
- Step 12: Put 2-3 inches of mulch over exposed roots but NOT on tree trunk or shrub stem.
- Step 13: Stake large trees. Stake trees on a windy site. Stake trees people may push over.

Activity #3: Vocabulary

Handout A



Write the missing letters. Write the word.

1. sha _____ o w

2. d _____ p

3. ho _____ e

4. c _____ ntain _____ r

5. _____ urla _____

6. r _____ t

7. bac _____ fi _____

8. m _____ lc _____

9. _____ ite

10. ba _____ e r _____ t

11. ba _____ ed

12. b _____ rl _____ pp _____ d

Put the words in alphabetical order:

Activity #3: Vocabulary

Handout B



Match the vocabulary word (on the left) with its definition (on the right).

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| 1. bare root | a. to anchor or support |
| 2. balled and burlapped | b. to make small marks; to loosen |
| 3. potted stock | c. dirt |
| 4. container-grown stock | d. roots exposed |
| 5. machine-dug | e. root ball held together with burlap wrap |
| 6. root ball | f. roots in a ball of soil |
| 7. soil | g. plant grown in a container for 1 or more growing seasons |
| 8. score | h. transplanted by machine |
| 9. backfill | i. to put soil back into a hole |
| 10. mulch | j. to put wood chips, sawdust or leaves around a plant |
| 11. stake | k. plant grown in a container for less than one growing season |

Choose 3 words from the list. Use them in a new sentence.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.