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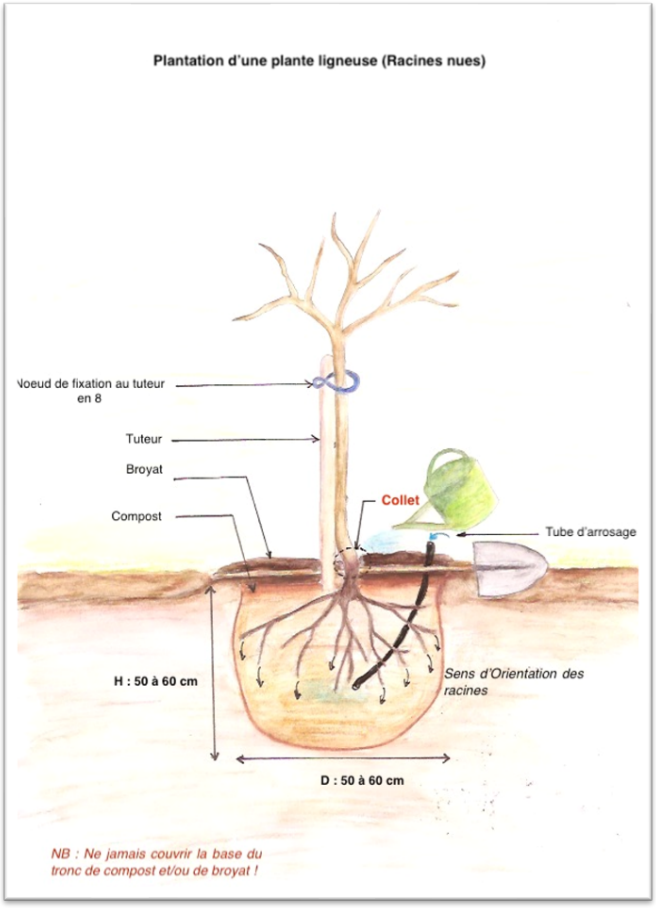
# How to Successfully Plant Trees

Structure : The Garden in May

*Difficulté : facile*

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**Note: For trees purchased as "bare-root" plants, it is essential to keep the roots moist. They should be stored in a "growing medium"—a mixture of sand and moist potting soil—until they are planted.**

## 1) Soil Aeration

It is recommended to loosen the soil in the area where the tree will be planted to a depth of about 60 cm as soon as the first autumn rains arrive. This will help the tree take root once planted.
You can use a broadfork or a spading fork.

### Amending the soil with compost and wood chips

However, the most important step is to cover the soil before planting with a good layer of compost and/or wood chips (a product made from shredded branches).
Covering the loosened soil before planting can be done simply by spreading branches and various types of yard waste over it.

## 2) Size of the planting hole

- Using the appropriate tools (pickaxe, spade, shovel), dig a hole approximately **50–60**

**cm** in diameter and **H: 50–60 cm** deep (see diagram below).

- It is also important to respect the order of the different soil layers during planting: do not mix the different soil horizons; replace the topsoil, which was set aside earlier, last during planting.

## 3) Pralinage:

For bare-root trees, to stimulate root growth and protect the roots, dip the roots in a mixture called “Pralin” (clay, water, and potting soil/compost, or clay, water, and cow manure).

This mixture should be prepared in large containers, such as trash cans. Potted trees do not need this.

## 4) Planting:

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