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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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6. r \_\_\_\_\_ t

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7. bac \_\_\_\_\_ fi \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

8. m \_\_\_\_\_ lc \_\_\_\_\_

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9. \_\_\_\_\_ ite

\_\_\_\_\_

10. ba \_\_\_\_\_ e r \_\_\_\_\_ t

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11. ba \_\_\_\_\_ ed

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12. b \_\_\_\_\_ rl \_\_\_\_\_ pp \_\_\_\_\_ d

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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.