

# Hurricane Preparation/Recovery for Trees

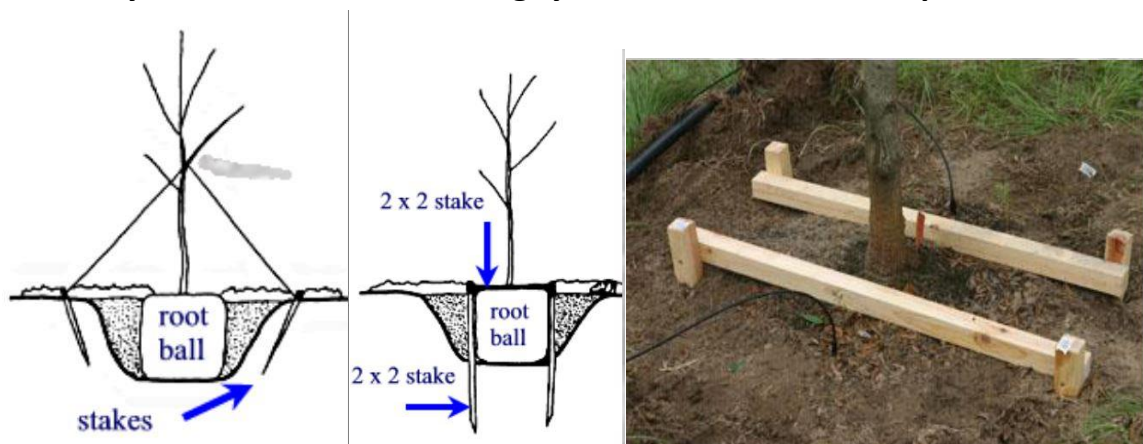
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### Righting Trees that are leaning (trees <6" or less)

1. Determine that the main trunk is not cracked or broken
2. Moisten the root system prior to right the trees
3. Dig underneath the heaved roots to the depth of mass that has been lifted out
4. Slowly pull the tree upright
5. Fill soil in around the roots – heavily water to settle soil and fill voids
6. Stake the tree once it has been reset.

### Staking Trees Correctly.

1. Use ArborTie or Ropes (pad around tree trunk with piece of hose or cloth to not abrade bark!) and tie to main trunk no more than 2/3 the height of the tree. Stake in at least 3 directions to support tree from wind. *Lines should not be left on longer than one growing season!*
2. If the root ball is well defined, or as a precaution when initially planting – staking the ball in the ground is another method. If properly and securely staked at the root ball, guy lines should not be required.



Further tree care tips at: <https://southportnc.org/forestry-committee/>