Curb Appeal
Lesson One: Trees and Shrubs

Student Handouts
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:
**Handout B**

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

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. 