

# Digging Hemlock Saplings - Illustrated

1. Choose only healthy, well-branched trees 12–36" tall. *Light* HWA is OK as trees will be treated immediately.



2. Dig root ball about as wide as drip line and 4 to 8 inches deep, depending on the size of the tree.



3. Place both hands underneath the root ball to lift it out of the hole, keeping root ball intact, and place it in plastic grocery bag. Never lift a sapling by its stem. Several small trees can be bagged together. Tie handles of bag one time (not a square knot) around base of stem(s).



4. Place bagged sapling(s) in shade.
5. Moisten the root balls in the bags if the little trees will not be potted or replanted immediately.
6. Also dig extra native soil to be combined with soil amendments to make the planting or potting mix.
7. **Leave No Trace:** Re-contour and press down the dirt where the native soil and little trees are removed so as not to leave unsightly or hazardous holes. Replace needle duff and leaf debris to restore site to its original appearance.

