

# Sapling Rescue - Illustrated

1. Choose only healthy, well-branched trees 12 – 30” tall. *Light* HWA is OK as trees will be treated immediately.



2. **Dig root ball** about as wide as drip line and 6 to 8 inches deep, depending on the size of the tree.



3. Keeping root ball intact, lift it with both hands and **place it in plastic grocery bag**. 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 in shade.**
5. Also **dig extra native soil** to be combined with soil amendments to make the planting mix.
6. **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.
7. **Bring bagged trees and native soil to the collection / potting station** once an hour or whenever the tub / cart is full (whichever comes first) and place them in the shade.
8. **Moisten the root balls** in the bags if the little trees will not be potted immediately.

