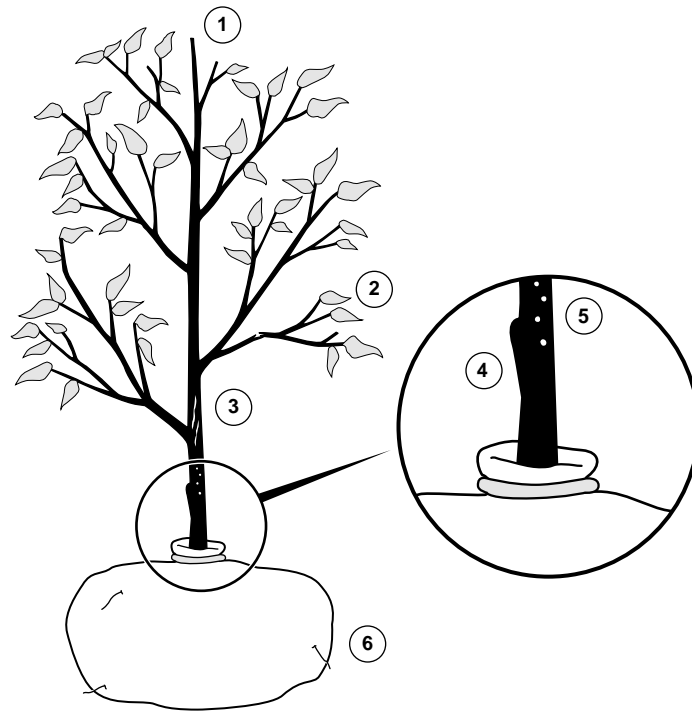


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When choosing trees, look for...

- ① **Damage**
Check for signs of cuts, scrapes or recent pruning.
- ② **Broken Branches**
Damaged limbs will affect overall tree health.
- ③ **Cracks**
Frost damage may cause shallow cracks in the bark.
- ④ **Flaws**
Look for discolored, sunken or swollen areas.
- ⑤ **Borer Damage**
Check for small circular holes from borer insects in the bark.
- ⑥ **Healthy Roots**
Root balls should be firm and solid.

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