**Spring Bonsai Repotting Steps**

1. Is it March? April?
2. Does your tree need repotting?
3. Do you want your tree at a different angle?
4. Will you use the same or different pot?
5. Cut tie-in wire(s) and screen wires under the pot
6. Use root hook to loosen periphery of entire pot
7. Slowly loosen soil deeper and deeper until rootball is free in pot
8. Remove tree/rootball from the pot
9. Prepare same or different pot with tie-in wire(s) and screens
10. Use roothook/chopstick to loosen and remove periphery of exposed rootball
11. Use scissors to trim exposed roots (amount is a judgement call)
12. Check to see if “new” rootball fits in planned pot
13. Place mound of soil in pot bottom (right, left, or center)
14. Nestle rootball at “correct” angle atop the soil
15. Fill gaps of soil to hold rootball stable
16. Overlap tie-down wire(s), twist and tighten to secure rootball in pot
17. Use chopstick to fill in ALL gaps leaving no empty spaces in soil
18. Place tree/pot in water tub and allow for **thorough** soak
19. DO NOT allow tree to freeze or experience frost
20. Newly repotted tree will probably be a bit slower to leaf out than others of same species.