Tree Planting Guide

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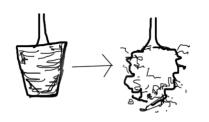


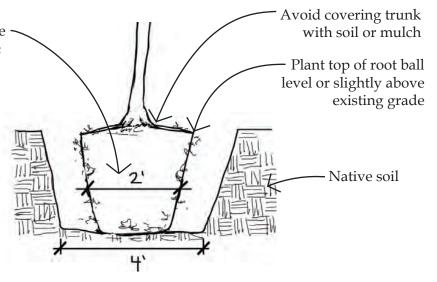
- dig hole in advance, if soil is dry fill with water and leave to soak overnight

Dig hole 2 to 4 times the width of the root ball & same depth as root ball

Aerate and loosen tight or crowded root ball

*NOTE: This step is different for non-potted plants, see below







TIP: PLANTING

- a basic garden claw can help loosen roots



*Grow Bag

GBs produce a fiborus root system so no need to loosen the rootball.

- 1. With a garden knife or pruning saw, remove bag by slicing sides and bottom
- 2. Peel off pieces of bag
- 3. Place in hole
- 4. Backfill as prescribed

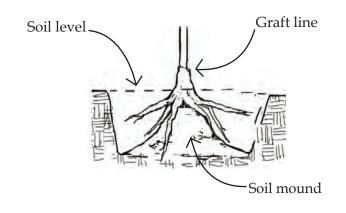
*Balled & Burlap (B&B)

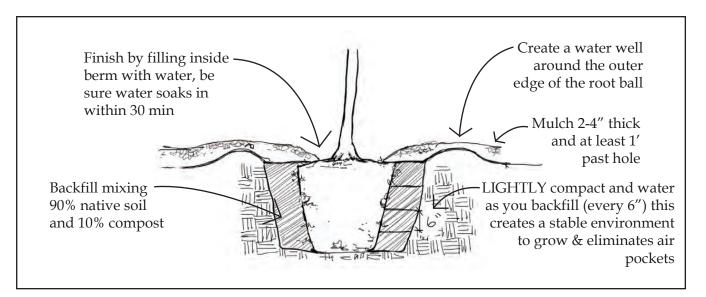
With BB plants, it is typically best NOT to mess with the root system.

- 1. Place in hole
- 2. Unfold wire cage (if present)
- 3. Loosen/cut twine around trunk base & peel back burlap from trunk
- 4. Backfill leaving burlap in place

*Bare Root

- 1. Carefully untangle roots
- 2. Spray or soak roots in water (2-3 hours)
- 3. Dig hole twice as wide as the root spread
- 4. Build up mound of soil in center of hole to support roots and eliminate air pockets
- 5. Backfill to match soil depth, be sure NOT bury the graft
- 6. Gently pull up on trunk & compact soil firmly







- TIP: MULCHING

Mulching can be accomplished with a wide array of materials, each providing their own benefits & drawbacks

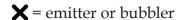
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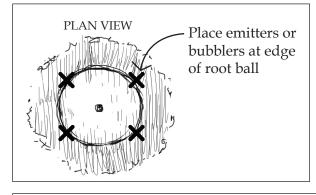
- bark fines & nuggets
- stone (fine, crushed, round, etc.)
- *note: some stone can alter soil pH, this could benefit some plants and harm others
- chopped leaves & grass clippings
- *note: use only debris that are free of weeds & their seed, otherwise you may be creating more work



- TIP: WATER

- Water deeply & less frequently (ex. 3 hours at 1/week)
- Place trees on their own irrigation zone







TIP: STAKING

- Allowing a tree to sway will lead to a stronger root sytem
- Remove stakes after 1 year

NOTE: Staking is typically used ONLY for trees in windy areas or for trees that are top heavy

