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PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

for B&B Trees and Shrubs

When preparing the planting hole, always use a good quality compost, such as **Gardener and Bloom Compost**, or mulch to mix with the existing soil. Even with the good topsoil it is good to amend the soil with compost or mulch.

Dig the hole the same depth and slightly wider than the root ball of your tree. The tree should sit a tad higher than the finished grade so that the flare is not covered over by soil. Set the tree in the hole to the correct depth. Carefully cut the twine on top of the root ball and unravel the burlap from around the stock of the tree. You can push the burlap down inside the hole and bury it. **Do not disturb the original clay root ball.**

Sprinkle a quality fertilizer to support root growth, such as **Espoma Organic Starter Fertilizer**. Backfill with the amended soil to the same depth as the original soil the tree was grown in. Water the tree regularly for the first couple of years until it is well established. A couple of inches of organic mulch will assist in retaining moisture near the roots and preventing weeds.

Special Instructions

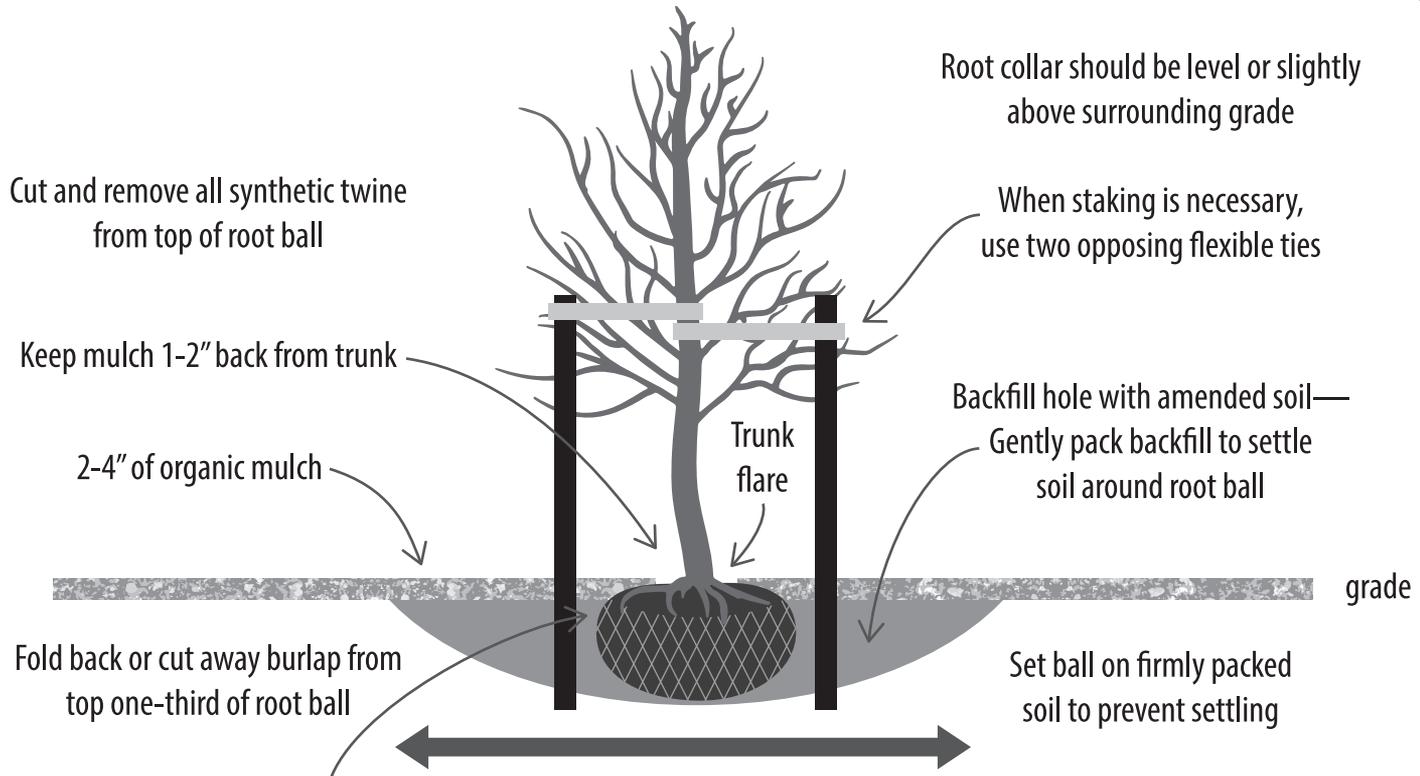
Grow Bags – Slit the sides of the fiber grow bags vertically 5-6 times, making panels, then pull down these sides to remove the root ball from the fiber bag and following the planting instructions above.

Wire Star – Cut twine from the top of the root ball, bend open the metal star points, slide the metal star out from under the root ball, place root ball in planting hole and follow the planting instructions above.

Staking is recommended on some trees; ask our staff for assistance.

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Cut and remove all synthetic twine from top of root ball

Keep mulch 1-2" back from trunk

2-4" of organic mulch

Fold back or cut away burlap from top one-third of root ball

***DO NOT disturb the original clay root ball**

Up to 2-3 times the root ball diameter

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Root collar should be level or slightly above surrounding grade

When staking is necessary, use two opposing flexible ties

Backfill hole with amended soil— Gently pack backfill to settle soil around root ball

Set ball on firmly packed soil to prevent settling

grade

**For freshly dug B&B trees, do not disturb the original clay root ball. Ask our staff for assistance.*