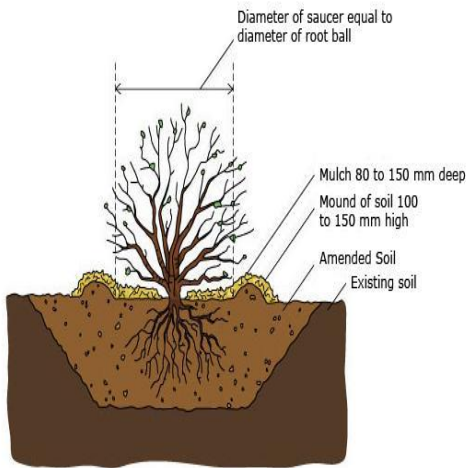


SHRUB PLANTING



DIGGING THE HOLE

- Dig a shallow planting hole
- The sides should taper outward
- Keeping the sides roughened not smooth to allow the roots to penetrate into the surrounding soil more easily

Balled & Burlapped or Container Shrub

Once the shrub is in the hole, if it is a Balled & Burlapped shrub, you need to untie the burlap and spread it to uncover 1/2 the root ball. For a container shrub loosen the bottom roots that may have gotten matted down in the container before filling hole.

PLANTING YOUR SHRUB:

Place the shrub at the proper height. When backfilling the hole be sure to leave the rootball approximately 2" above the surrounding soil. After firming the backfill soil, create a watering moat by mounding the soil. Irrigate gently so the water remains in the moat keeping the trunk base dry.

SHRUB MAINTENANCE

- MULCH: A 1-2" LAYER OF MULCH SHOULD BE INSTALLED AROUND THE BASE OF THE SHRUB, TO HOLD MOISTURE AND MODERATE SOIL TEMPERATURE
- WATERING: KEEP THE SOIL MOIST BUT NOT SOAKED, OVERWATERING WILL CAUSE THE LEAVES TO TURN YELLOW AND FALL OFF
- DON'T FORGET TO FERTILIZE TO STIMULATE EARLY AND STRONG ROOTS
- PRUNE SPARINGLY AFTER PLANTING AND DELAY CORRECTIVE PRUNING UNTIL A FULL SEASON OF GROWTH.

