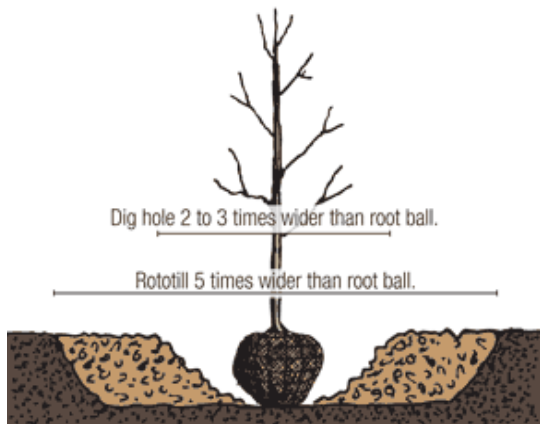


TREE PLANTING



DIGGING THE HOLE

- Dig the hole 3 times as wide as the diameter of root ball
- Hole should be as deep as the root ball
- Planting the tree too deep will cause new roots to struggle due to lack of oxygen

Staking a Tree

Two stakes should be used with one on each side of the tree. The stakes should be placed on the outside of the rootball for maximum support. The staking material should provide a barrier to damage of the tree trunk. Once the tree can stand unsupported with shifting in the ground or bending, remove the stakes.

PLANTING THE TREE: Place the tree at proper height, lift the tree by the ball not the trunk. If the tree is planted too deep the new roots will struggle due to lack of oxygen. Straighten the tree in the hole. Before backfilling, view the tree from several directions to confirm it is straight. Fill the hole gently, but firmly. Pack soil around the base of the root ball to stabilize it. If the root ball is wrapped, carefully cut and remove any fabric, plastic or wire from around the trunk and root ball. Fill the remainder of the hole, firmly packing the soil. Water gradually, keep soil moist.

TREE MAINTENANCE

- **MULCH:** A 1-2" LAYER OF MULCH SHOULD BE INSTALLED AROUND THE BASE OF THE TREE, 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.**

