

PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Measure the root ball with a tape to determine the size of the hole you dig. Make the hole shallower than the depth of the root ball, as the ball will settle. Make the hole 6-12" wider to adjust the tree. The tree should be planted higher than ground level (4-8"). If you are planting in heavy clay, 1/3 of the root ball should be above ground level.
2. Roll the tree into the hole and straighten it. If the tree is large and difficult to straighten, fill the hole with water and adjust the tree acting as a buoy. Try not to move the tree by the trunk— use the root ball.
3. DO NOT REMOVE THE WIRE BASKET! You can untie the ropes and pull the burlap back off the top if you wish, but this is completely unnecessary.
4. Back-fill the dirt around the root ball and step in firmly.
5. Water thoroughly to remove all air around the root ball. After the water has pulled the dirt around the root ball, you may have to backfill additional dirt. The root ball should be higher than ground level! Cover with 1" of topsoil followed by wood mulch.
6. See watering instructions attached.
7. WRAP ALL SOFT BARK TREES IN WINTER! (Flowering Crabs, Linden, Maples) Wrap in November and unwrap in April.
8. DO NOT SOD UP TO THE TRUNK OF THE TREE! LEAVE AN AREA ABOUT THE SAME DIAMETER AS THE ROOT BALL WITHOUT SOD. Mulching around the tree attractively covers up the burlap while it biodegrades and holds moisture in.

ATTENTION: DO NOT PLANT YOUR TREE BELOW GROUND LEVEL. IF YOU ARE ADDING TOPSOIL TO MAKE THE TREE LEVEL WITH THE GROUND IT IS TOO DEEP. THIS WILL ALMOST ALWAYS KILL THE TREE. IN CLAY SOIL, PLANT YOUR TREE AT LEAST 4-8" ABOVE GROUND LEVEL.

*NOTE: OUR 1-YEAR WARRANTY WILL BE VOID IF PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT CLOSELY FOLLOWED.