

How do I plant a tree?

Please call Diggers Hotline at 811 before you dig!

For Balled and Burlapped Plants:

Water your plants thoroughly 4-12 hours prior to planting.



1
Dig the proper sized hole - as deep as the rootball is high and 2 to 3 times wider.

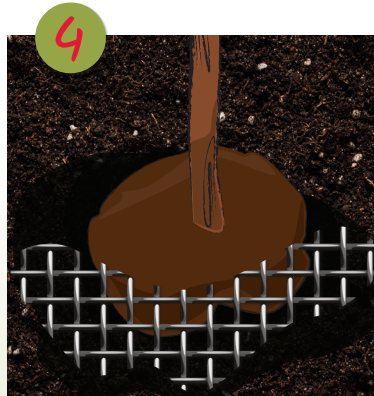


2
Cut away all twine from stems or trunks and carefully peel back the burlap from the top of the root ball. On single stem trees, find the root flare by shaving soil off the top of the ball. This is where the root begins to flare away from the trunk.



3
Gently roll the plant into the hole. Straighten and backfill the bottom third of the hole with amended soil to prevent shifting.

Safety Tip: When moving or lifting, remember to lift with your legs, and NOT with your back.



4
If there is a wire cage, bend it below grade. Remove all burlap from the top of the root ball with a utility knife or strong scissors.

Safety Tip: Remember to always cut away from your body. Use gloves and safety glasses.



5
Using amended soil, fill in the hole, tapping firmly to prevent air pockets. The root flare should be visible. Water enough to settle the soil. After water drains, you may need to add more soil.



6
Mulch the planting area with 3-4" of bark mulch, leaving a 6" ring around the trunk or base of the plant free of mulch.



7
Water thoroughly by placing a hose at a pencil-sized trickle at the base of the tree. Run the water for 20-30 mins for smaller shrubs and 45-60 mins for larger trees. Water weekly until the ground freezes, usually late November. If rainfall accumulations total 1" or more, you can skip watering that week.



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We recommend that you apply Fertilome Root Stimulator after the initial watering, and every other week for 3 applications.