



# PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

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## STEP 1

Trim tree of any broken branches before placing tree in hole

## STEP 2

Dig the hole the depth of the rootball with 6"-8" around the rootball

**CLAY SOIL**-keep top of ball above ground 3"-4"

**SANDY SOIL**- keep it flush to top of ball

## STEP 3

Pack sub-soil in bottom of hole before placing tree in hole to prevent tree from settling crooked

## STEP 4

Once tree is in the hole - backfill soil halfway, double check that tree is straight then remove or fold down top 1/3 of wire basket and burlap

## STEP 5

Backfill the remainder of the hole with good top soil. Allow garden hose to soak soil to help in watering tree and settling soil. Leave a saucer around top to hold water and allow for future settling

## STEP 10

Use twine to wrap around stake and around tree

## STEP 9

Stake tree without going through rootball into firm ground. Leave stakes in place for duration of a year

## STEP 8

Fertilize with triple 16 16 16 slow release fertilizer, in the spring when snow melts. Spread fertilizer evenly over the rootball in an area the size of the canopy of the tree

## STEP 7

Add 3" of mulch to top of root ball to help regulate moisture in soil

## STEP 6

Soil and mulch **DO NOT** touch the trunk and no higher than the existing top of the ball. Soil touching the trunk can cause the tree to suffer/die

