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3 Place tree in hole with trunk flare slightly above the untouched natural grade. Adjust tree level while filling-in around the root ball. Fill-dirt should also be a mix of original soil and mulch or other organic material. (dry leaves, lawn clippings etc.)

4 Create a water-holding basin around the hole and give the tree a good soak. After the water has absorbed-in, spread protective mulch 2-4 inches deep in a 3-foot diameter area around the base of the tree, but not touching the trunk.



5 The soil and mulch around your trees should be kept moist but not soggy. Generously water the tree every 7 to 10 days during the first year. You can water as much as every three days depending on soil quality and/or high temperatures.

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