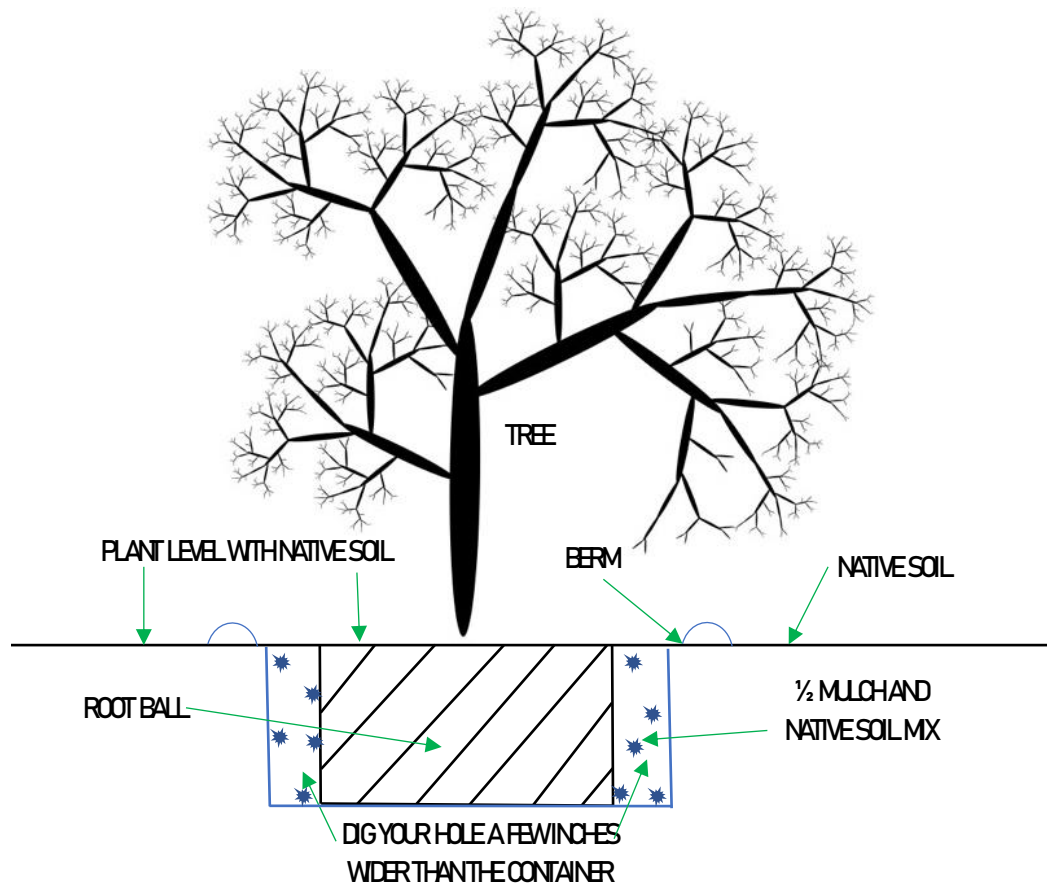


Marbil Nursery Tree Planting Instructions



- 1) Dig your hole a few inches wider than the container. Dig no deeper than the soil in the pot. You can check by placing your tree in the hole with the container still on and the soil in the pot should be level with the native soil.
- 2) Fill dug hole with water and notice drainage. This will help with the plant not drying up when you plant it. It also helps you understand the drainage in that particular area. If the water does not drain out or drains out very slow then your soil is hard and you might want to dig your hole a little bit wider. This will help the roots start out in soft soil and prevent your tree from becoming root bound.
- 3) Remove the container without breaking the root ball. The root ball of a plant is what gathers water and nutrients for the plant. Breaking the root ball may send your plant into shock or even kill the plant. If necessary, cut the plastic bucket from the plant and gently place the plant into the hole. If you are planting a larger tree such as a 24" box, remove the bottom panel of the box and set the tree into the ground with the box sides still bound. Once the tree is in the ground, you can cut the binding from the box and remove all remaining four sides.
- 4) Backfill your hole with a mixture of mulch and native soil (about 1/2 and 1/2 mix) that was removed from the ground.
- 5) Create a berm around the tree with the remaining mixture. The berm will be just slightly larger than the hole you dug.
- 6) Add plenty of water to your tree. The first year, water once a week (at least 25 gallons) especially if planting in the summer, then every other week for the year after that. Your plant should be established and find its own water after that. If the tree looks yellowish or droopy, give it a good soaking of water.

***DO NOT fertilize trees when you plant.** This could burn the roots and send the tree into shock. Citrus and fruit trees should be fertilized (3x) per year. Fertilize these trees in February, early May, and October.