

PLANTING BALLED & BURLAPPED TREES



Site Selection

- Choose a site free of water holes, stumps and rocks.
- Do not plant underneath the live crown of larger trees or underneath utility wires.
- Do not plant too close to roads, walkways or buildings.

Planting

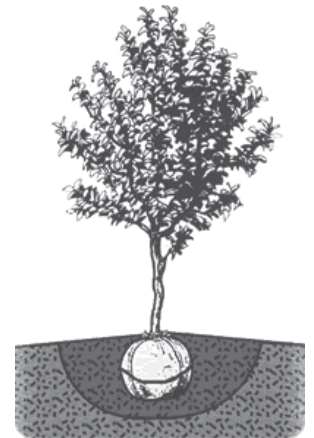
- Dig a hole 2 to 3 times the size of the root ball; slope the sides of the hole.
- The hole should be only as deep as the root ball.
- Before setting the root ball into the hole, slightly peel back the burlap away from the trunk to find out where the root collar is – this is the discolored area near where the trunk meets the root ball.
- Lower the tree into the hole by holding onto the root ball; never lift the tree by the trunk.
- The root collar should be level with the existing grade.
- Once in the hole, untie the burlap and fold it back or cut it away.
- Make sure the tree is straight in the hole before backfilling.
- Backfill the planting hole by concurrently tamping and watering to eliminate air pockets.
- Rake a ridge of soil around the margin of the hole. This will serve as a reservoir when watering.

Tree Wraps

- Install a tree wrap around the trunk to protect from mouse and rabbit damage during the winter months.
- Place the wrap at the base of the tree and wrap upwards making sure not to wrap over any side branches.



Pull burlap & basket away from stem



Soil level same as nursery



Raised beds for hard soils (clay)



Anchoring

