

How to plant your tree



Dig a round or square hole, 3-4 feet across. Leave a pedestal in the center of the hole. Discard turf. Rough up the sides of the hole so that they are not smooth.



To encourage a strong root system, "tease" the roots out of the rootball by running a large spike or screwdriver down the sides of the rootball. Gently pull out the circling roots. Cut large circling roots with a sharp knife or pruning shears.



Using the stake for a gauge, cut the pedestal down until the top of the rootball is at the same height as the top of the stake.



Backfill the hole with the soil you removed. Do not add planting mix or mulch to the soil. Gently pack the soil around the roots, but do not tamp it down. Be careful not to nick the tender bark of the tree as you fill the hole.



Push the fertilizer tablet into the soil outside of the rootball about 2-4" deep.

Add 2-4 inches of mulch (such as wood chips, bark or compost). Keep the mulch 4-5 inches away from the trunk.



Remove any stakes that came with the tree. Place provided stakes outside of the rootball so that the stakes do not touch the tree. Tie at the lowest point possible to hold the tree vertical. Ties should be loose enough for the tree to sway in the wind.

Water your tree thoroughly.