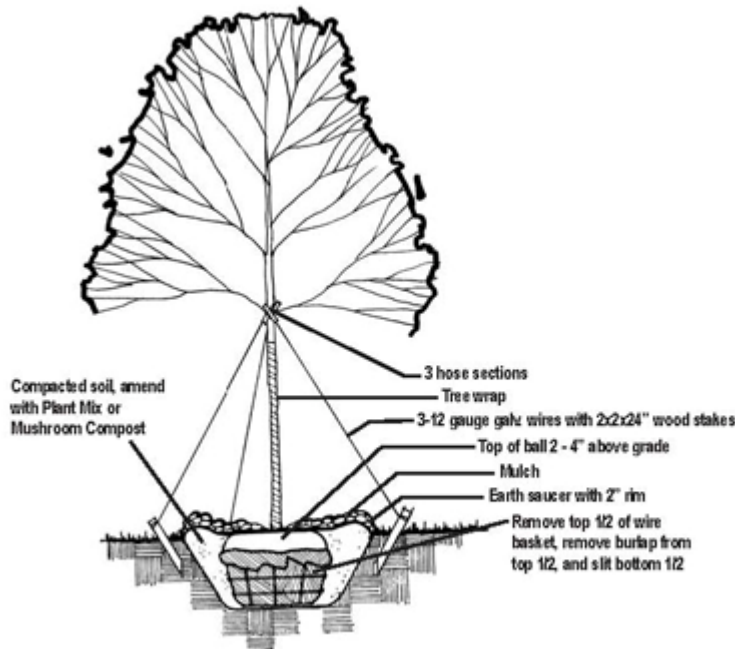


## Tree & Shrub Planting

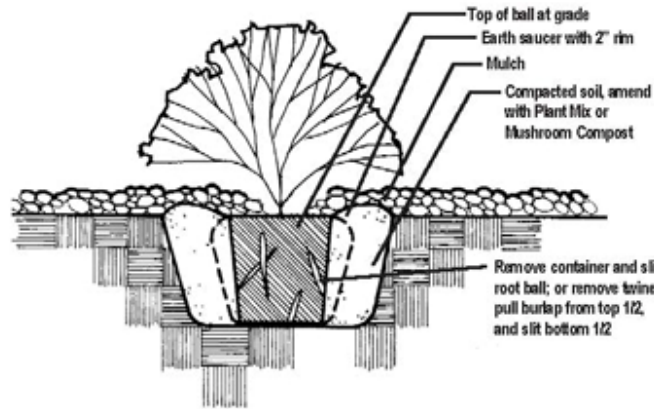


Dig the hole up to twice as wide as the root ball. The hole should be dug to the same depth or 1" shallower for shrubs and 2-4" shallower for trees. In poorly drained soils, plantings should be shallower to allow for drainage. A plant should never be planted deeper than the level at which it was growing. Amend soil by mixing 1/3 Miracle Grow Mix\* or Mushroom Compost with 2/3 existing soil.

### For balled and burlapped plants:

properly position the root ball, remove twine and burlap from top half and slit bottom half to allow for root growth. For container plants: completely remove containers and loosen roots or slit root ball sides to alleviate circling roots. Properly position root ball.

Fill the hole 3/4 full with amended soil, firmly compact to prevent air pockets, water and finish filling the hole. Build a watering saucer (a shallow dam to aid in watering) and water once again. Mulch with shredded hardwood bark or cypress mulch to a depth of 2 - 3". It will retain moisture, inhibit weed growth and protect the roots from temperature extremes. Keep mulch clear of the stems. Stake larger trees and evergreen trees, especially those planted in exposed, windy areas. See sales associate for information on staking trees.



Watering is important. Soil at a 3" depth should be kept moist to touch, not wet. When watering is necessary, place a trickling hose at the base of the plant till thoroughly saturated. Newly purchased plants can dry out quickly as they wait for planting. Water them as needed. Give your plants a boost, water them with a root stimulator. An organic option: in amending the soil for planting, use Mushroom Compost to promote root development.