

Proper Planting Techniques

Most Important: Make sure you are choosing a site that is appropriate for the plant's growing conditions.

1. Dig hole twice as wide and twice as deep as the root ball
2. Make sure soil drains well. Add amendment to sand/ clay soil such as topsoil and peat moss.
3. Remove plant from pot and loosen root ball. If it is in ball and burlap, cut the strings from the truck and loosen burlap. If you do not, then the roots will suffocate the plant.
4. Refill the hole with amended soil and place the plant/tree so that the root ball is an inch above ground level. Make sure not to bury the plant too deep or it will suffocate it.
5. Place mulch/straw around the perimeter of the plant making sure not to pack it around the trunk. Make sure to put two to three inches of mulch to help retain moisture and keep weeds away from the plant.
6. Soak with water until puddle forms.
7. Water by hand three to four times a week depending on heat and rainfall.