



TREE PLANTING

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NOTES: TREE PLANTING

1. ALL PLANT MATERIALS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN STANDARDS FOR NURSERY STOCK (ANSI Z60.1-2004). PLANT ACCORDING TO ANSI A300 PART 6.
2. DIG THE PLANTING HOLE A MINIMUM OF 2x WIDTH OF ROOTBALL FOR AT LEAST THE FIRST 12 INCHES OF DEPTH. BELOW 12 INCHES, DIG HOLE WIDE ENOUGH TO PERMIT ADJUSTING. DO NOT DIG THE HOLE DEEPER THAN ROOT BALL DEPTH.
3. SCARIFY THE SUBGRADE AND SIDES OF THE PLANTING HOLE WHEN PLANTING IN CLAY SOILS (MORE THAN 15% CLAY).
4. LIFT AND SET THE TREE BY ROOT BALL ONLY. DO NOT LIFT USING THE TREE TRUNK AND DO NOT USE TREE TRUNK AS A LEVER.
5. SET THE TOP OF THE ROOT BALL LEVEL WITH THE SOIL SURFACE OR SLIGHTLY HIGHER IF THE SOIL IS PRONE TO SETTLING.
6. AFTER THE TREE IS SET IN PLACE, REMOVE BURLAP, WIRE AND STRAPS FROM AT LEAST THE UPPER 1/3 OF THE ROOTBALL.
7. BACKFILL WITH EXISTING SOIL THAT HAS BEEN WELL-TILLED OR BROKEN UP. DO NOT ADD AMENDMENTS TO THE BACKFILL SOIL. AMEND THE SURFACE WITH MULCH.
8. USE THREE 2" X 2" WOOD STAKES DRIVEN INTO UNDISTURBED SOIL A MINIMUM OF 16 INCHES. SPACE STAKES EQUALLY AROUND THE TREE.
9. ATTACH 3/4" NYLON WEBBING TO CONNECT THE TREE TO STAKES. ATTACH WEBBING AT 1/3 THE TREE HEIGHT.
10. APPLY A 2-3" (SETTLED) DEPTH OF PINE STRAW OR BARK MULCH TO THE PLANTING SURFACE. LEAVE A 2" SPACE AROUND THE TRUNK FOR AIR CIRCULATION.
11. PRUNING SHALL BE LIMITED TO DEAD, DISEASED, OR BROKEN LIMBS ONLY AND SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANSI A300 SPECIFICATIONS.
12. REMOVE ANY TRUNK WRAP REMAINING AT TIME OF PLANTING. NO WRAPS SHALL BE PLACED ON TRUNK.

