

To help your tree make the Big Move,

We recommend:

- To “amend the soil”, add a bagged product such as **Bark/Steer Manure** or **Garden Compost**. This will help retain soil moisture as well as add needed nutrients to the soil.

Immediately after planting, water all plants with **Ferti-lome™ Root Stimulator** to reduce transplant shock and aid early root formation and stronger root development.

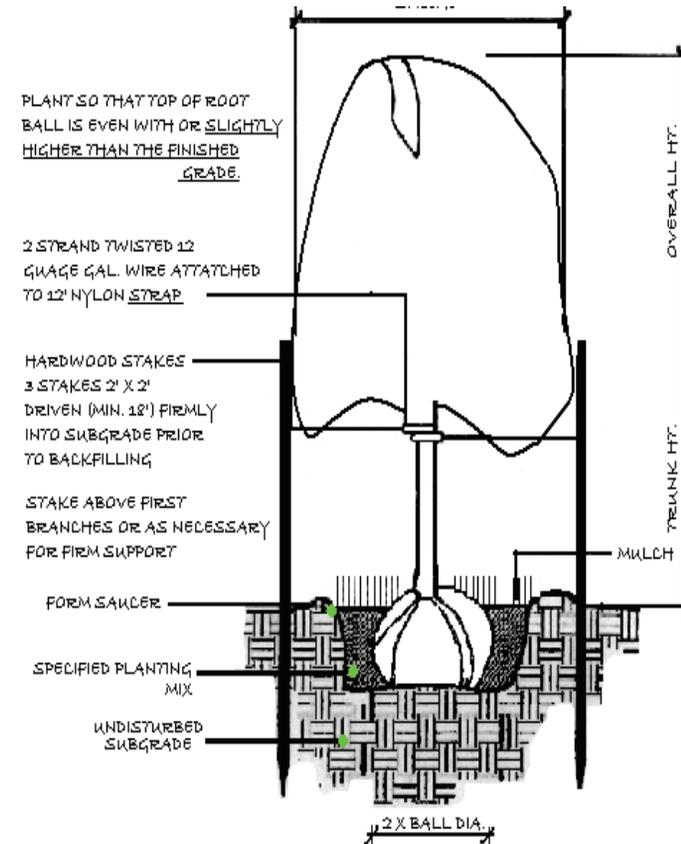
- During planting, add all natural **Myke™ mychorrhizae** for many benefits, including:
 - *stimulates growth of desirable soil micro organisms
 - *increases resistance to insects
 - *added resistance to drought and effects of frost damage
- When you purchase **Myke™**, MD will guarantee for **5 years** any tree and shrub up to a **200\$** value!
- When MD does the installation, the tree is guaranteed for 1 year without the purchase of **Myke™**.

Additional Planting Tips & Info

- During hot weather, B&B trees **MUST** be planted to prevent them from drying out.
- Do **NOT** remove the burlap or metal basket from the root ball.
- Once the tree is in the hole, cut the twine from around the trunk and pull the burlap away from the stem of the plant.
- The burlap will eventually disintegrate. Until then, the roots will grow through the mesh material.
- Newly planted trees are very thirsty! Make sure the tree is thoroughly watered at least every two days during the summer.
- To keep your tree healthy, we recommend using the following products:

Bradfield Organics™ 3-1-5
Ferti-lome™ Tree & Shrub food
Ross™ Bulk Tree & Shrub Stakes

Ball & Burlap Planting



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- Dig the hole two times the diameter and the same depth as the root ball.
- Pile the native soil that is removed from the hole next to the hole.
- Remove rocks larger than 4" in diameter.

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- Amend the native soil with either **Bark/Steer Manure** or **Garden Compost** to a mixture of 50% native soil.
- Mix this amended soil well

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- Check the depth of the hole to be sure the planting depth is correct.
- Make changes as needed. The soil surface of the root ball should be the same or slightly higher than the existing grade when the tree is planted.

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- Carefully set the tree in the hole
- Place stakes around tree. Usually 3.
- See staking diagram
- Place wire and nylon straps or tree tape on tree to hold in place.
- Straighten tree by moving root ball and trunk. Do not push or yank on the trunk

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- Once staked, remove top wire, rope, and burlap. Fold top of burlap down the side of the ball.
- Fill 1/3 of the hole with water.

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- Fill 1/2 of the hole with amended soil around the tree.
- Mix soil and water well.
- Use shovel blade to mix, settle, and work out air pockets.
- Add Myke™ per container instructions

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- Add amended soil around ball up to existing grade level.
- Use shovel blade and water hose to settle and work out air pockets.
- Construct 3" earth saucer around tree well.

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- Fill plant saucer with water and let soak in.
- Fill plant saucer with mulch 3" deep.

* Staking is sensible for larger trees in wind exposed areas. Consult our nursery staff for guidance in staking your tree.



STAKING TOP VIEW