

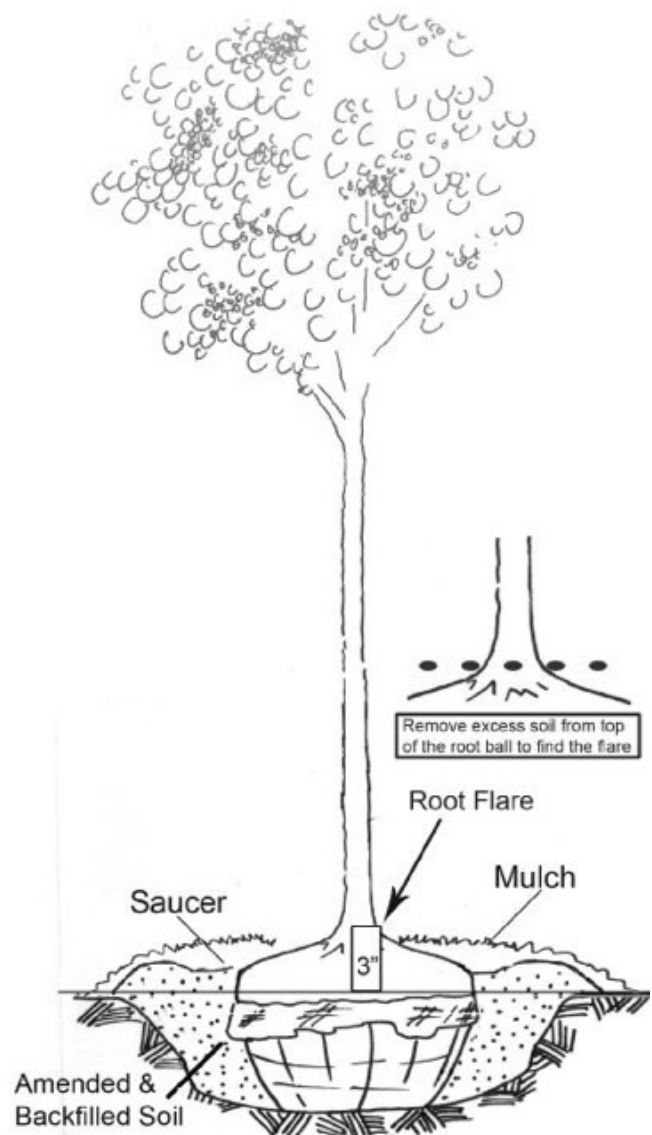
Planting a Balled and Burlapped Tree in Light Soil

Before Digging

To prevent injury while planting in your landscape, contact Gopher One at (651) 454-0002 to have underground utilities marked.

Installation

1. Dig a hole at least 20 inches wider than the root ball's diameter.
2. The depth of the hole should be 3 inches less than the depth of the root ball. This will ensure the high planting needed for light soil sites. (Root ball height is the distance between the root flare and the base of the root ball. Pull back the burlap if needed to find the flare.)
3. The bottom of the hole should be firmly tamped so the tree does not settle. The sides of the hole should be "roughed up" rather than smooth.
4. Before planting, prune the tree to remove any dead or broken branches. Do not cut ropes or remove burlap until the tree is in the hole and straightened.
5. Place the tree in the hole and check for straightness. View from two directions.
6. Amend the original soil by blending one-part good quality top soil with one-part original soil. Then fill the hole halfway using the amended soil. Add slow release fertilizer, if desired, then tamp the soil using your foot.
7. Cut ropes from around the trunk and from the top of the basket. Remove the top of the wire basket if it will be exposed above ground. Remove the burlap from the top of the ball.
8. Add more amended soil, and tamp with your foot to form a surface that slopes away from the trunk. Add a firmly tamped saucer as shown.
9. Water thoroughly by filling the saucer several times. Add soil if settling occurs.
10. Add a layer of mulch to hide the saucer, keeping mulch away from the trunk.



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