

Proper Tree Planting Diagram

Remove transit guard

Remove wire baskets:

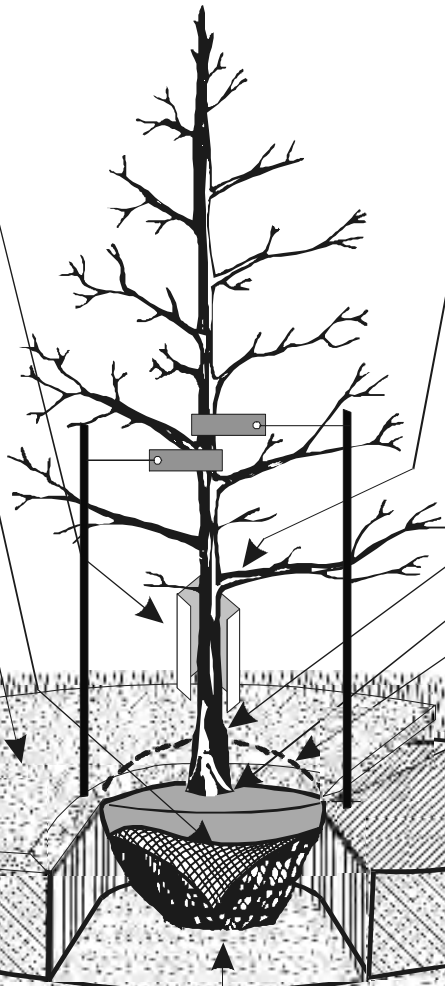
or cut top and fold down in the pit after positioned and backfilled halfway. Cut and fold down burlap from upper 1/2 of ball. Cut and remove all poly ties.

2-4" of woody mulch:

Aged wood chips, shredded bark, or similar mulch 6" back from trunk.

Backfill:

Use existing soil. Water thoroughly to eliminate air pockets. Do not tamp!



Branching: Low branches are temporary, but help promote strong trunks. Remove only dead or broken branches or double leaders at planting time.

Bud graft

Root collar shall be level or up to 1-2" above finished grade.

Remove excess soil from top of ball if needed.

Grade

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Soil under ball undisturbed to support root ball and reduce settling

Break down sides of the hole when backfilling.

3 times ball diameter