

# Container Grown Trees Planting Instructions

1. Dig hole twice as wide but only as deep as the root ball.
2. Amend heavy clay soils with bark or compost at a rate of 1 part amendment to two parts soil.
3. Ensure bottom of hole is level and firm.
4. Gently remove tree from container by bumping down on rim of container with the palm of your hand.
5. Carefully back fill soil in hole.
6. Build 4 – 5 inch soil ridge around the hole.
7. Check moisture level of soil daily by digging down 2-3 inches to see if soil is damp. If dry, water thoroughly.
8. Apply 3 inches of bark mulch to reduce weed growth and retain moisture.
9. Stake tree using 1 stake per caliper inch of tree. (Example: 3 inch tree requires three stakes minimum.) Remove stakes after 1 full growth season.
10. Fertilize in early spring and late summer. Follow recommendations on fertilizer label.