

HOW TO PLANT BALLED & BURLAPPED TREES & SHRUBS

1. Dig planting hole so top of root ball will be 1"-2" above surrounding soil when planting is complete. Diameter of planting hole should be at least a foot larger than root ball diameter.
2. Set the plant in the hole, leaving all burlap and strings intact..
3. Amend backfill soil with equal parts existing soil and soil conditioner thoroughly mixed. **Stauffers Planting Mix is the recommended soil conditioner.**
4. Fill hole 2/3 with backfill soil mix, pressing and tapping lightly to hold plant firmly in place. Now cut away and remove all strings and burlap from top of root ball and stem. Finish filling hole, making sure top of root ball is 1"-2" above surrounding soil level when planting is complete.
5. Water root ball and surrounding soil thoroughly to settle soil and remove air pockets. (Successive watering should be applied only when soil feels dry about 2" down into root zone.)
6. Add nutrients using a **water-soluble plant starter**, by pouring mixture directly onto root zone.
7. Mulch 1"-2" deep with bark mulch.
8. Stake as in diagram if necessary.
9. If plants and trees can not be planted immediately, keep them in a sheltered, shaded location out of the wind and full sun. Provide water on a daily basis until they can be planted.

