

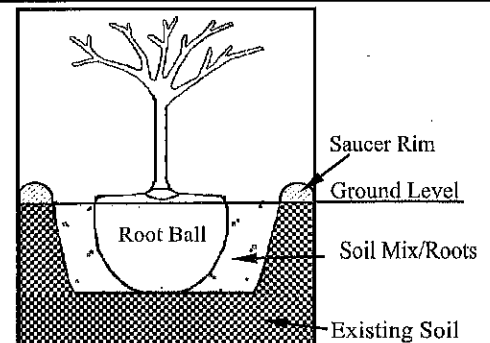
Planting Instructions

THE 3 MOST IMPORTANT KEYS TO SUCCESS.

1. Water all plants thoroughly, everyday until planted. Plant within 10 days of purchase.
Keep all plants preferably out of direct sun.
2. Plant at the proper depth. Never let soil or mulch touch the trunk or branches.
3. Water 2 times per week for 1 month (after 1 month once a week).

How to plant:

1. Water all container plants and plants in burlap thoroughly, 3 times about 5 minutes apart prior to planting.
2. Measure the height of the root ball. Dig the hole **1" less** than the height. Measure the width of the root ball. Dig the hole twice as wide. (For large trees and shrubs, 12" wider.)



3. Mix 1 part of excavated soil with 1 part of *Bumper Crop*. Mix in *Roots® 1-Step* according to package instructions.
For Azaleas and Rhododendrons: Mix 2 parts of soil to 1 part *Bumper Crop*.

Shrubs: 1/2 packet Roots + 1/2 cu. ft. Bumper Crop Small trees: 1 packet Roots + 1 cu. ft. Bumper Crop Large trees: 2 packets Roots + 1 cu. ft. (or more) of Bumper Crop
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1 packet of Roots Good for (2) 4-5 gal. containers

4. Put the plant in the hole. The top of the root ball must be 1" above the surrounding ground level.
- 5a. For container-grown plants: remove the container gently and vigorously loosen the soil to expose roots. Set the plant in the center of the hole so that the top of the ball is 1" above the surrounding soil level.
- 5b. For balled & burlapped plants: Leave cloth burlap on the plant. Set the plant in the center of the hole so that the top of the ball is 1" above the surrounding soil level.
6. Fill the hole $\frac{2}{3}$ full with the soil mix. If your tree/shrub is wrapped in cloth burlap, NOW fold the exposed burlap down, cut it off and carefully remove this piece without disturbing the top of the rootball. Remove any string, wire, plastic or rope. Press the soil firmly and water thoroughly.
7. After water is absorbed, fill in the soil leaving the root ball slightly above ground level. With the remaining soil, create a saucer rim all around the hole to hold water.
8. Stake any tall tree or shrub. Place the stake(s) next to the root ball, not through it.
9. Water according to the instructions on the attached sheet.
DO NOT RELY ON YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM to supply adequate water to newly planted trees, shrubs, perennials & annuals for the first year!!!
10. If mulch is used, keep 6" away from the stem / trunk of all plants. Mulch should be refreshed each year to maintain proper depth (2" - 3", no more) and to ensure moisture retention, weed reduction and protection during winter.

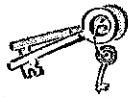
Care After Planting:

Watering: See blue sheet 'Watering Guidelines'

Fertilizing: We recommend *Holly-tone* for evergreens and *Plant-tone*, *Flower-tone* or *Garden-tone* for trees, shrubs, perennials & for general purposes. Feed in the fall (after mid-October) and again in the spring (March-May).



Please do not hesitate to call us at (516) 378-7357, if you have any further questions.



Keys to Success



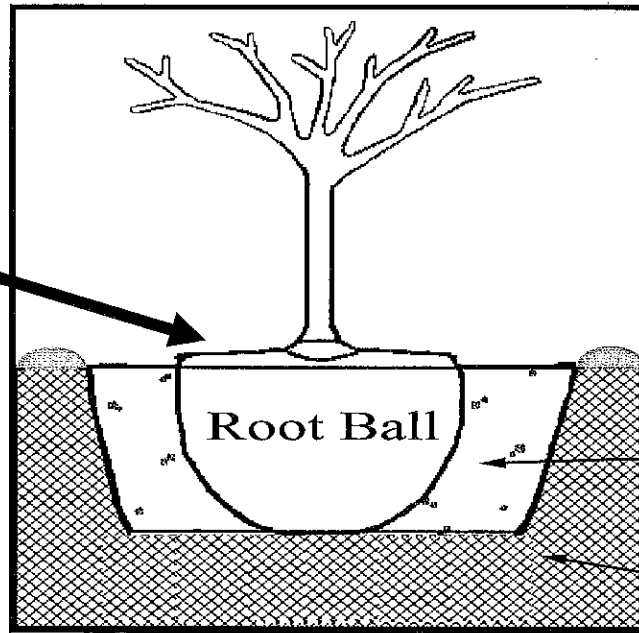
- * Water all plants thoroughly 3 times prior to planting.
- * Plant at the proper depth— soil should never touch the trunk or branches.
- * Water thoroughly 2 times a week in addition to your automatic irrigation watering schedule— (once a week after on month) for the remainder of the year. (see watering guidelines)
- * **DO NOT PLANT TOO DEEP.**

THE PLANT WILL NOT SURVIVE AND THE GUARANTEE IS VOID.

Please call us immediately if your plants do not look as fresh and healthy as the day they were planted.

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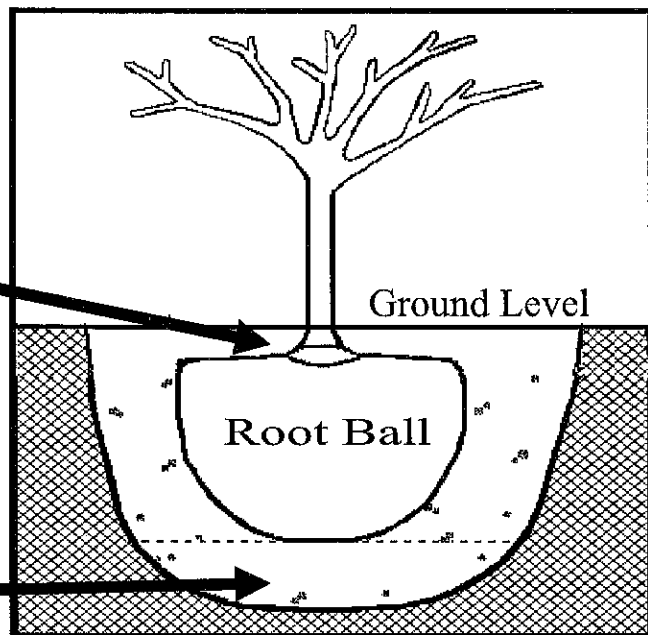
top of root ball slightly above ground level



WRONG

root ball below ground level and covered with soil

soil mix under the root ball



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