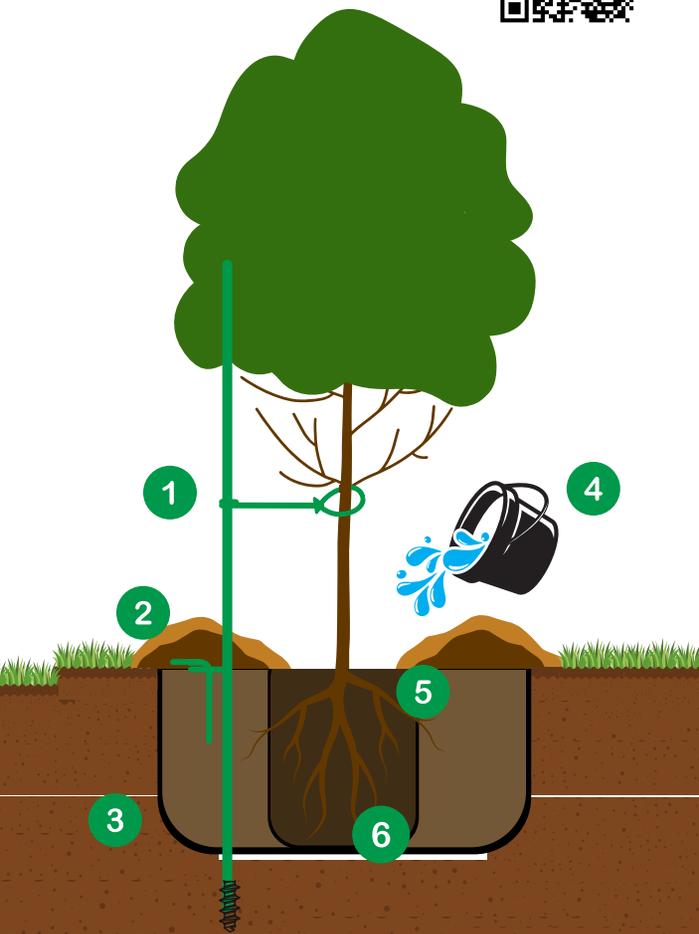


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- 1 Reddy Stake
- 2 Watering Basin / Berm
- 3 Wide, shallow hole
- 4 Water after planting, then mulch around basin
- 5 First Woody Root
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TREE PLANTING GUIDE



STEP 1: CHOOSE A LOCATION

- Select a space that will allow for roots to spread and branches to grow freely, away from buildings and powerlines.
- Before digging, call 811 to check for underground utilities.



STEP 2: DIG A HOLE

- Dig a hole as deep as the pot and 2-3 times as wide.

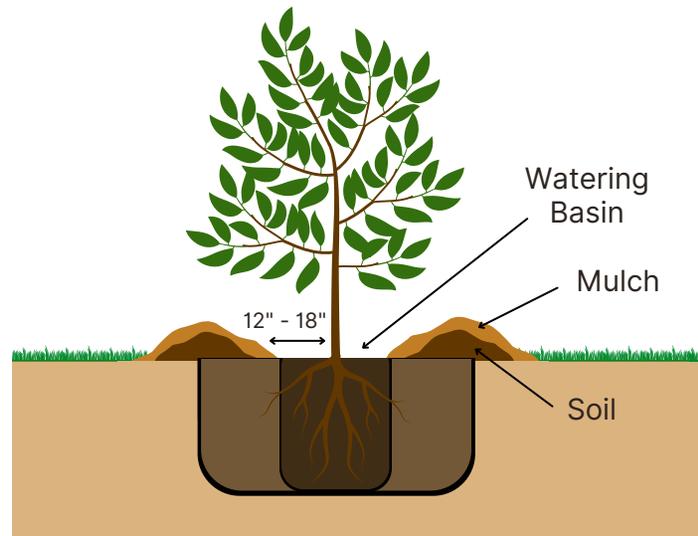


STEP 3: PLANT THE TREE

- Find and expose the first woody root on the trunk flare.
- Remove the tree from its pot.
- Massage the rootball to initiate outward root growth.
- Place the tree in the hole, ensuring the first woody root is level with the surrounding soil, or slightly above.
- Backfill the hole, compacting the soil using fingertips, ensuring there are no major air pockets, rocks, or chunks of hard soil.
- Fill until even with the surrounding soil surface.

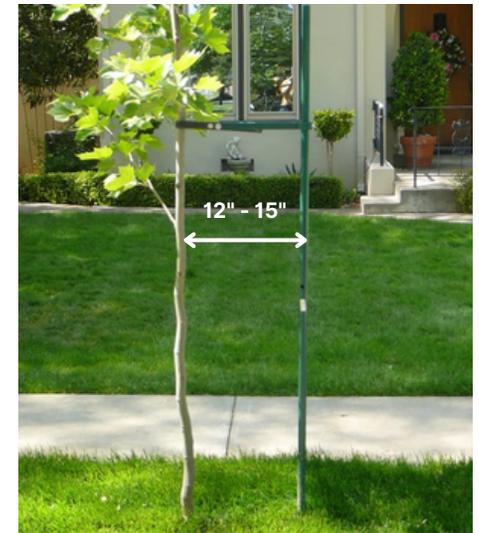
STEP 4: BUILD A BERM

- Create a firm watering basin approximately 12"-18" from the trunk of the tree.
- Begin building the mound using excess soil and reinforce by placing mulch overtop.



STEP 5: INSTALL THE STAKE

- Remove the nursery stake and backfill the hole.
- Install the Reddy Stake 12"-15" away from the trunk of the tree in the direction that corrects any lean in the tree.



STEP 6: WATER THE TREE

- Completely saturate the rootball with 10-15 gallons of water.

