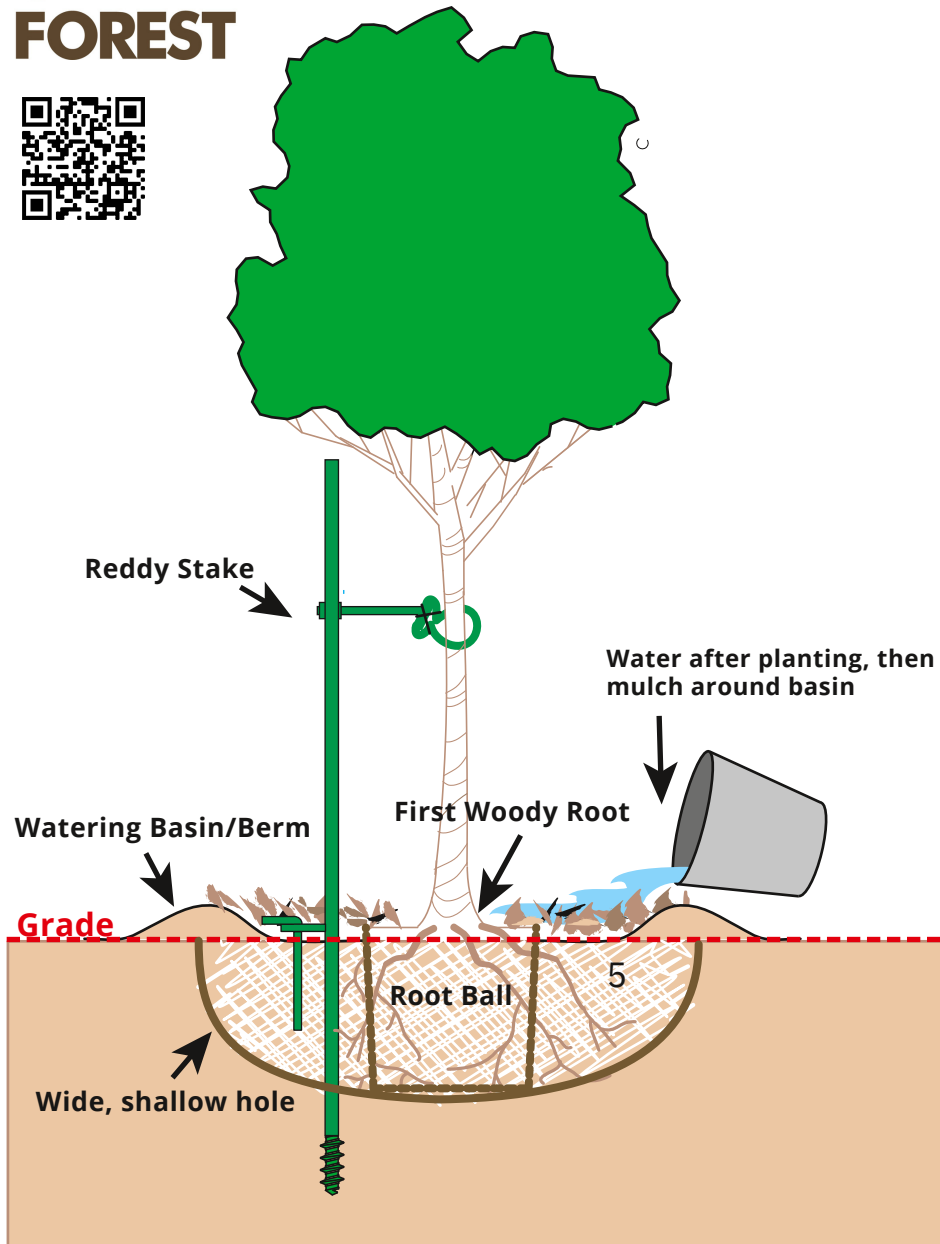


Tree Planting Instructions

Whatever you do, do it safe.
Call before you dig, it's the law!
Identify underground utilities, for
FREE Underground Service Alert
North 1-800-227-2600



I. HOLE PREPARATION

- Call or visit 811 North before you dig to check for underground utilities
- Dig hole at the green or white T marked on your curb
 - Dig hole as deep as the rootball is in the container
 - Dig hole 2 - 3 times as wide as the container
- Tamp down loose dirt in the hole
- Score sides of the hole with a shovel or pickaxe

II. ROOTBALL PREPARATION

- Find and expose the first woody root on the root flair
- Lay the tree on its side near the hole
- Loosen soil in container by gently kneeling on the container
- Untangle the rootball and cut major circling roots with a sharp set of pruners

III. PLANTING

- Place the rootball in the center of the hole
- Check the depth using the Reddy Stake to level the first woody root with surrounding grade, or slightly above
- Adjust height as necessary, by digging or refilling, and tamp loose soil
- Consider the canopy orientation
- Backfill the soil while holding roots outward and gently tamping down loose soil. Do not cover the top of the rootball

IV. STAKING

- Remove the nursery stake and backfill the hole left by stake
- Install the Reddy Stake (see staking instructions on packet)

V. WATERING

- Create a firm watering basin approx. 12'-18' from the trunk
- Water immediately (see watering instructions on back)
- Add 2-4 inches of mulch, staying 3 inches away from trunk