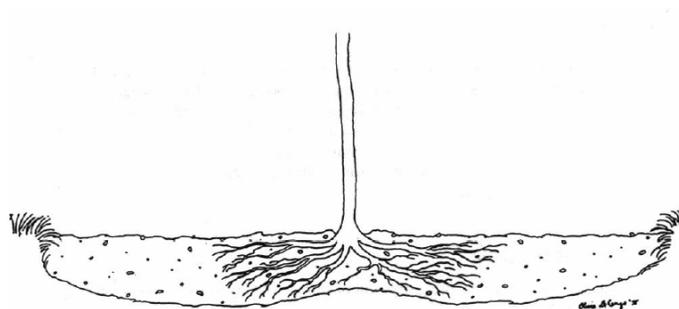


Planting Instructions for Beautification Committee Bare Root Trees 2020-2021

1. Avoid planting under power or phone lines as your trees will be tall some day and the electric or power company will cut branches ruining the appearance of your trees. Also, don't forget to consider underground utility considerations—be sure to call Diggers Hotline or use the online portal.
2. Assure the correct planting location (sun, soil, moisture, and wind) based on the trees you choose. Most trees will grow much faster in full sun.
3. Plant the tree as soon as possible once you receive it. The roots must be kept cool and moist. Drying out can kill the roots. Bring a tarp or large plastic bag to wrap the roots in for the trip home. Once home you should plant right away. If not possible then put tree in shade of north side of building or inside any garage where it can be shaded. Keep the roots moist until the tree can be planted. This can be done by covering the roots with wet straw, wet burlap, or just misting them down good and re-wrapping in plastic. NEVER soak the roots in a bucket of water for more than 4 hours!
4. Dig the hole wider than as deep and back fill with the native dirt removed from the hole rather than soil amendments. When you've replaced half of the backfill, water the hole to help collapse air pockets.
5. It is critical not to plant the tree too deep. You can lay your shovel across the hole to see where the shovel meets the root flare and adjust the planting depth. If you anticipate settling of the soil, plant a little high.
6. Turf surrounding the tree should be completely removed so it doesn't compete with the newly planted tree for water.
7. Do NOT fertilize the roots.
8. Do not mound soil or mulch against the trunk
9. Water the trees generously the day you plant them. Wait 2 days and then water again, allowing the water to trickle and reach the depth of the roots and lower. Do not water-log the roots, but do not allow them to dry out the first year. Keeping 2-4" of mulch or wood chips will help maintain moisture.
10. Each tree will spend its first year growing roots so don't expect much height growth the first year.



Dig the planting hole shallow and wide, at least three times the diameter of the tree roots. The beginning of the root flare should be at soil level.