

PLANTING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TREES AND SHRUBS

Know where your underground utilities are:

If you do not know where your water, electric, and gas are placed in the landscape call Sunshine811: dial 811 or visit <http://www.sunshine811.com/homeowner>

- Call 811 to find out where your utilities are
- Carry the plant by the container not the trunk
- Keep root system moist until planted
- Remove container and/or synthetic wrappers from root ball
- Remove excess soil from the top of the root ball to expose the top of the first root (root flare) **see figure 1**
- **Cut any circling roots on all sides of the root ball and remove any roots wrapping around the trunk see figure 2**
- Dig a hole that is 2 times the diameter of the tree wide and 90% of the root ball deep.
- Place the plant in the hole
- Back fill and water thoroughly
- Disperse left-over soil away from new planting
- Stake the tree to secure in place
- Apply 3 inches of mulch and keep it 3 inches away from the trunk

Figure 1

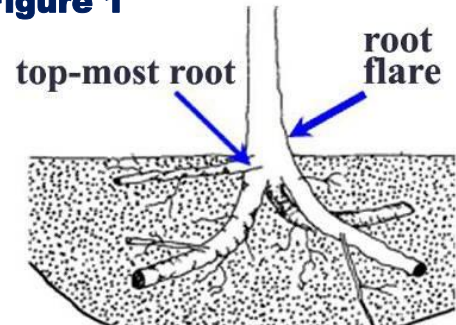
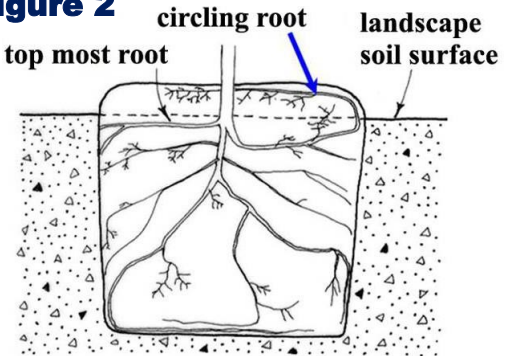


Figure 2



Establishment Time for Landscape Plants

Sod - One Month

Sprigs/Plugs - 3 (three) months

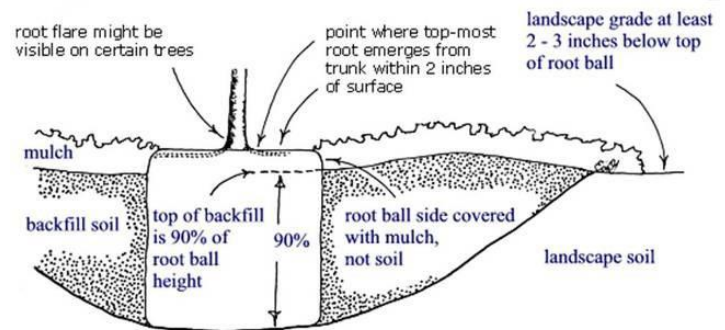
1 Gallon container - 6 to 12 Months

3 Gallon container - 1 to 2 years

ALL SIZE TREES - 6 to 12 months per inch of trunk diameter

Watering Newly Planted Landscape

- Water daily for 7 to 10 days (unless rainfall is 3/4 inches or more that day)
- Water every other day for the next 2 weeks
- Water once per week when rainfall is less than 3/4 to 1 inch



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