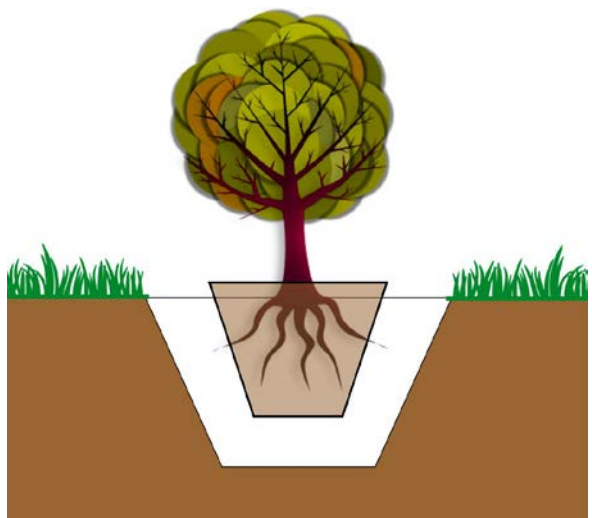


HOW TO PLANT A POTTED SHRUB OR TREE



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AMEND BACKFILL SOIL WITH EQUAL PARTS OF EXISTING TOPSOIL AND SOIL ADDITIVES SUCH AS HUMUS, SPAGHNUM PEAT, AND COMPOSTED MANURE. DISCARD CLAY PORTIONS OF REMOVED SOIL AND MIX THOROUGHLY.

REMEMBER, THE BETTER THE HOLE YOU PREPARE AND THE BETTER THE SOIL YOU ADD, THE BETTER YOUR PLANTS WILL DO.

REMOVE PLANT FROM CONTAINER. USING A KNIFE, SCORE VERTICALLY DOWN ROOT BALL 4 OR 5 TIMES ABOUT 1” DEEP. LOOSEN AND TEASE CIRCLING, MATTED ROOTS SO THEY WILL GROW INTO SURROUNDING SOIL MIX. NEVER PLANT A PEAT OR FIBER POT, THESE WILL TAKE TOO LONG TO DECOMPOSE. ALWAYS REMOVE PLANTS FROM ANY TYPE OF POT.

SET PLANT IN HOLE WITH BACKFILL SOIL MIX, PRESSING OR TAMPING LIGHTLY TO HOLD PLANT FIRMLY IN PLACE MAKING SURE TOP OF ROOT BALL IS EVEN WITH OR SLIGHTLY ABOVE SURROUNDING SOIL LEVEL WHEN PLANTING IS COMPLETE. FILL HOLE HALF WAY UP, TAMP DOWN SURROUNDING NEW SOIL IN HOLE WITH FOOT, WATER IN AND REPEAT BACKFILL AND TAMPING PROCESS UNTIL HOLE IS FILLED TO GROUND LEVEL.

WATER ROOT BALL AND SURROUNDING SOIL THOROUGHLY TO SETTLE SOIL AND REMOVE AIR POCKETS. WATER SHOULD BE APPLIED WHEN RAINFALL DOES NOT PRODUCE 1-2 THOROUGH WATERINGS PER WEEK, DURING THE ACTIVE GROWING SEASON. BE SURE TO WATER WELL DURING DROUGHT CONDITIONS; PROPER GROWTH OCCURS ONLY WITH SUFFICIENT MOISTURE AND FERTILIZER. WHEN WATERING – DO NOT SPRINKLE – ALWAYS PROVIDE ENOUGH WATER TO SOAK INTO SOIL TO THE DEPTH OF ROOT BALL, THEN ALLOW TO DRY FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS BETWEEN WATERINGS.

FOR FERTILIZATION, WE RECOMMEND USING BOTH A SLOW RELEASE FERTILIZER SUCH AS OSMOCOTE OR ESPOMA BRAND FEEDS AS A TOP DRESS TO NEWLY PLANTED AND EXISTING TREES AND SHRUBS, AND A LIQUID FEED LIKE MIRACLE GRO OR MIR ACID. USE ESPOMA HOLLY-TONE FOR ALL ACID LOVING PLANTS SUCH AS AZALEAS, RHODODENDRONS, HOLLIES, PIERIS JAPONICA, MT. LAUREL, BLUEBERRIES, AND ALL EVERGREEN TREES AND SHRUBS. USE ESPOMA PLANT-TONE FOR ALL DECIDUOUS TREES AND SHRUBS. FOLLOW DIRECTIONS FOR AMOUNTS TO APPLY. FOR NEWLY PLANTED TREES AND SHRUBS, FERTILIZE AT TIME OF PLANTING AS A TOP DRESSING. FOR EXISTING TREES AND SHRUBS, WE RECOMMEND 3 FEEDINGS – ONE IN APRIL, ONE IN JULY AND ONE IN THE FALL (AFTER 2 HARD FROSTS). IT IS IMPORTANT TO DO REGULAR SUMMER WATERING, BECAUSE WHILE THE JULY FERTILIZER APPLICATION WILL NOT BURN (USING SLOW RELEASE TYPE FEEDS), IT WILL NOT ACTIVATE EITHER WITHOUT WATER.

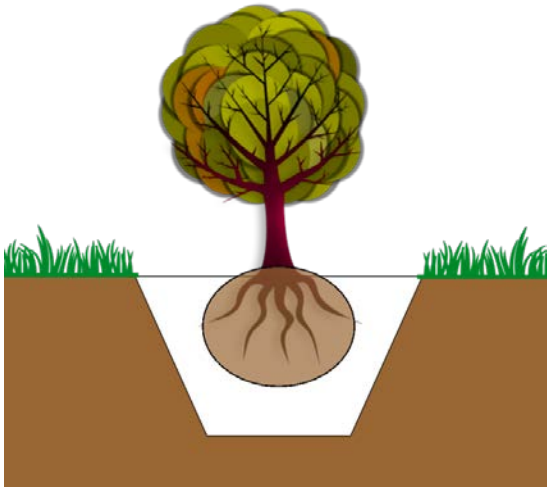
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WHEN PLANTING A BALLED AND BURLAPPED TREE OR SHRUB FROM BREMEC’S, **NEVER REMOVE BURLAP**. WE USE ONLY BIODEGRADABLE BURLAP. SET PLANT IN HOLE LEAVING ALL BURLAP, STRING AND WIRE CAGE INTACT. THE WIRE CAGE WILL NOT HARM THE TREE OR SHRUB IN ANY WAY. YOU RUN THE RISK OF

DAMAGING THE ROOT BALL IF YOU TRY TO REMOVE IT OR THE BURLAP. YOU CAN CUT OFF TOP TABS OF WIRE CAGE THAT STRING IS ATTACHED TO. AFTER THE PLANT IS EXACTLY WHERE YOU WANT IT, (TURNED THE BEST WAY AND AT PROPER PLANTING DEPTH – SEE FIRST PARAGRAPH), CUT STRING ON BALL. YOU CAN SCISSOR OFF THE VERY TOP OF THE BURLAP AT THIS TIME.

WE RECOMMEND STAKING AND TYING ANY EVERGREEN TREE OVER 6’ TALL, AND DECIDUOUS TREES 2” IN DIAMETER OR LARGER. DO NOT PLACE 1 STAKE NEXT TO TREE TRUNK TO HOLD IT UP. ALWAYS USE 3 HEAVY STAKES OR PIPES, POUNDED INTO GROUND OUTSIDE THE AREA YOU DUG FOR A HOLE (SO STAKES GO INTO UNDISTURBED SOIL TO HOLD BETTER). PLACE 3 GUIDE WIRES AROUND TRUNK ABOUT 4-6’ UP TRUNK AND SECURE TO STAKE ENDS (IN THE GROUND). BE SURE TO WRAP OLD RUBBER HOSE AROUND WIRE THAT WRAPS THE TREE TRUNK, SO WIRE DOES NOT CUT INTO TRUNK AND GIRDLE (CHOKE) TREE. WE SELL THE COMPLETE TREE STAKE KITS IN OUR GARDEN CENTER.

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