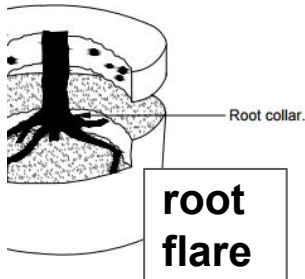
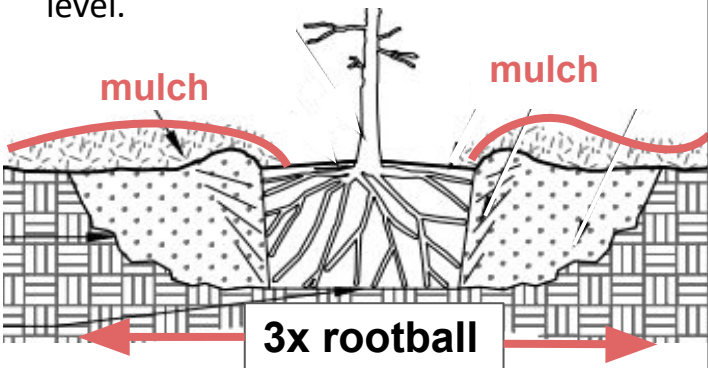


Tree Planting: 15 gal Container

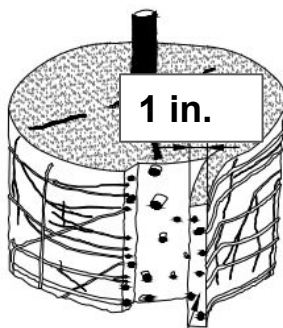
1. Find the root flare. Remove excess soil to expose the root flare and create a level surface.



2. Dig a *wide* and *shallow* hole. Width: Hole should be 3x the width of the root ball. Depth: Root flare should be planted at or slightly above ground level.



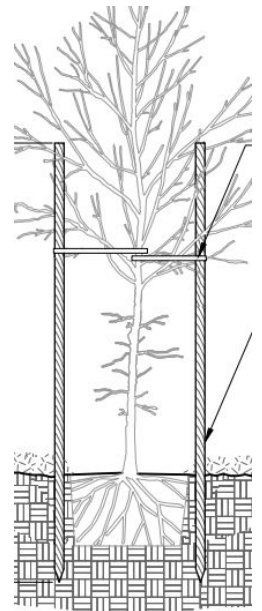
3. Prune off any circling roots by shaving 1 inch off of the root ball. Remove any roots circling around the trunk.



4. Straighten the tree. Backfill with original soil and mix in 10% - 20% of soil amendment or topsoil. Gently tamp down the soil around the rootball to ensure stability.

5. Mulch wide, to the dripline if possible. Keep mulch *away* from the trunk. Mulch should be 2" - 4" deep.

6. Stake the tree *if necessary*. Use stakes and a flexible material like arbortie. Staking material should be removed after one year.



7. Water slowly. Continue every day for two weeks, then once per week or more as needed during drought.