

## BEFORE YOU PLANT

**Be sure to answer these 3 questions before planting:**

- Do I have the right plant for the right place?
- How's my soil and drainage?
- How are my plants going to receive water...on a regular basis?

**Gather all necessary materials before planting:**

- Tools: shovel, rake, gloves, digging bar and scissors
- Soil amendment
- Starter fertilizer
- Tree stakes & ties
- Irrigation supplies: drip parts and hose
- Mulch



## LET'S GET PLANTING!

1. First dig the proper sized hole. It should be 2 times as wide and 1 time as deep as the root ball. Set native soil aside.
2. Mix the soil you set aside with planting mix to create your backfill. You are looking for a ratio of about 1 part planting mix to 2 parts native soil.
3. Add starter fertilizer to your backfill at the rate indicated on the bag or box.
4. Remove any wire or twine encasing the root ball. Loosen the burlap around the top to expose some of the root ball. Cut into the burlap, roll it back and cover with soil. If the burlap is exposed above the soil line it can act as a wick removing moisture from the root ball. *It is not necessary to remove the burlap completely, our plants are wrapped in natural burlap that will biodegrade in the soil overtime.*
5. Place the root ball in the hole, making sure that the top of it is sitting 1-3" above the soil line (to allow for additional settling).
6. Backfill the hole with your soil mixture and pack firmly to remove any air pockets.
7. Using any left over soil create a basin around the plant to retain water. Make sure your basin is at least 1 ½ ft away from the trunk on all sides.
8. Add 2" of mulch around the base of the plant keeping it 1-2" away from the trunk.
9. Stake trees, large shrubs and other plants that could be damaged by the wind.
10. Water thoroughly, filling basin.

