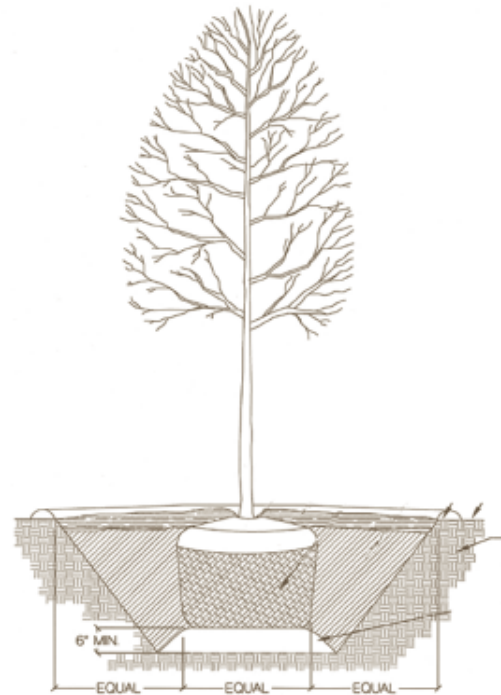




## How to Plant

### General planting steps are as follows:

1. Measure the height and diameter of the rootball or root spread.
2. Dig the hole close to the same depth as the rootball or root depth. The hole diameter should be at least 2 to 3 times the diameter of the rootball or root spread.
3. Identify the root flare, the point of the tree where the trunk ends and roots begin.
4. Set the tree on undisturbed solid ground in the center of the area. Depending on the type of soil, the root flare should be planted at the same level to 2-3" higher than the level of the surrounding soil.
5. Backfill with the original soil removed from the hole. Adding organic matter to the backfill usually is not recommended other than in a few situations.
6. Use water to settle the soil around the rootball to secure the plant.
7. Mulch 2 to 4 inches deep with woodchips, bark mulch, or other suitable mulch.



### When planting bare-root, containerized and balled and burlapped trees there are several specific considerations:

Bare-root: Trees, and especially exposed roots, must be kept moist prior to planting. Containerized: The root mass may need to be pruned to prevent circling or girdling roots. Balled and Burlapped: Set the rootball in the hole and remove all twine and nails. Remove or loosen the burlap from the upper third of the rootball. Wire baskets should be removed whenever possible. When not possible, they should at least be cut and folded down so that the top of the wire is at least one foot below the soil surface.