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- **Level and firm the plant** even the top of the root ball with the ground level
- **Encourage strong root growth** with a stimulator such as Root n' Grow or Master Start
- **Mulch for safe-keeping** for warmth and moisture control: 1" deep around base, 2" deep around perimeter
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