

## Tree & Shrub Planting

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Bowl-shaped, 2 times the width of the container or root ball, and deep enough to allow the top of the rootball to sit 1-2" above the soil line
- **Prepare and repair your soil**  
Mix 1/3 organic matter to 2/3 existing soil from the hole you dug. Organic matter could be peat moss or Complete Planting Mix.
- **Prepare the plant**  
Remove from container and gently loosen the roots; burlap should be left on but pulled away from the trunk to below soil level. Remove any roping or wires.
- **Level and firm the plant**  
Fill hole around plant with prepared soil mixture, tamping down to remove air pockets.
- **Encourage strong root growth**  
Water well with a plant starter fertilizer / root stimulator such as Root n' Grow



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