

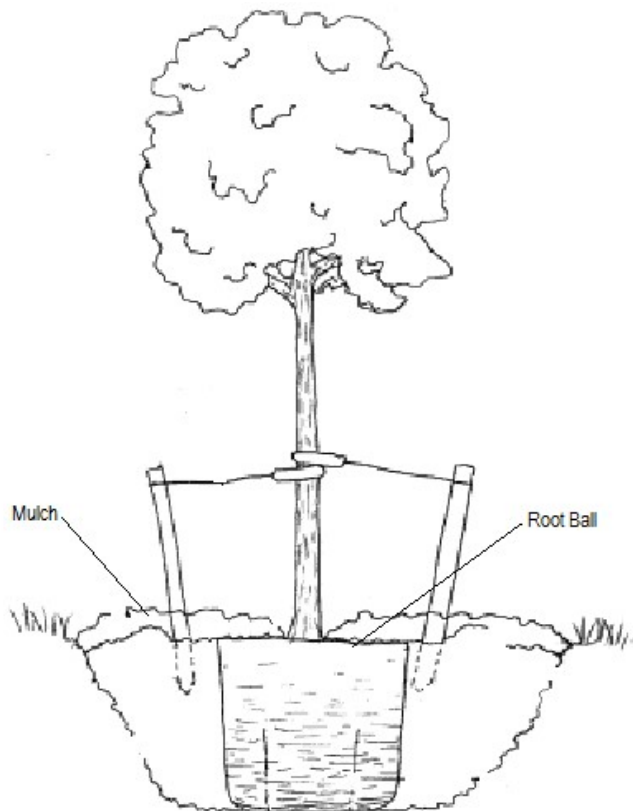


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Planting Instructions...

1. Check for underground utilities, Call... 1-800-DIG-SAFE or go to kansasonecall.com two days before you dig.
2. Dig hole at least twice as wide and the same depth as the container. If you are finding a lot of clay or removing large rocks, you can amend the soil with cotton burr compost (up to 50%).
3. If your plant is in a plastic container remove it. If your plant is in burlap, cut and remove twine from the top of the root ball. DO NOT remove the burlap or the wire cage.
4. Check the roots. If they seem to be growing in a circle, gently rough up the roots with a shovel or utility knife. This will encourage the roots to spread out.
5. Place the root ball gently in the hole with the top of the ball level with or slightly above the surrounding ground.
6. Backfill around the root ball with the original soil. Press it down with your foot. Form a small dike around the hole.
7. Water the tree with ferti-lome Root Stimulator solution at the rate of 3 ½ tablespoons per gallon. For a 5-gallon tree use 5 gallons of solution. For a 10-gallon tree use 10 gallons of solution. Additional water may be needed. Make sure to give the tree a long slow soak.



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8. For best results apply Root Stimulator every 7-10 days for a total of 4 times. This will produce more roots faster. One quart of ferti-lome Root Stimulator will water a 5-gallon tree 3 to 4 times. Water as need otherwise.
9. Apply the mulch of your choice around the tree to help hold the moisture. Make sure not to cover the trunk with mulch.
10. If there is a lot of movement at the base of the tree due to wind, you may need to stake the tree.
11. AFTER the first year, feed young shade trees with ferti-lome Tree and Shrub Food in March, May, and October. This will maximize growth and keep your trees looking great.
12. Make sure to apply tree wrap in late November to prevent the bark from cracking and falling off.



Questions?? Feel free to call (785)842-3081



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TAKING CARE OF YOUR NEWLY PLANTED TREES AND SHRUBS:

The first priority once planted is moisture. When we plant we use Ferti-lome Root Stimulator with the first watering. If you are planting we recommend that you do the same. If possible the root stimulator solution should be repeated at 7-10 day intervals for three to four additional applications. The amount of root stimulator solution to use per plant will depend upon the size of the plant now. If the plant is a one gallon size or smaller a gallon of the solution is adequate. If a tree has a height of ten or twelve feet it's best to use five to ten gallons of the solution. Water in thoroughly after applying the root stimulator solution.

A general guideline of how much and how often to water is very difficult. If the weather is warmer, naturally the plant will use more water. A general rule of thumb is one inch of water a week; it makes no difference if it's water from the tap or water from Mother Nature, the plant needs moisture. The best guideline is to dig down around the base of the plant and feel the soil. If the soil is moist then leave well enough alone. If the soil is dry, water well. It is better to water deeply once or twice a week; rather than a little each day. A deep watering encourages the root system to grow deeper into the ground, resulting in a stronger and more stress tolerant tree later on.

Watering will be needed throughout the first season on a regular basis. If Mother Nature doesn't provide moisture, then it's up to you. Mulching your new plant will help it retain moisture longer and reduce weeds. Use the mulch of your choice, but make sure not to cover the trunk or stems in a deep layer of mulch. Mulch out past the drip line or edge of the bed with about 3" of mulch. Additional mulch will be needed as the old breaks down, providing organic matter for the tree.

Feeding should be delayed until the second year. Generally after the first year the plant is well established, and can benefit from supplemental feeding. We recommend feeding your trees and shrubs with ferti-lome Tree & Shrub up to 3x's a year, March, May and October. This product is very easy to apply. Simply measure the correct amount and sprinkle it around the drip line and water in. This type of feeding allows all of the roots to get an equal chance at the fertilizer and results in uniform growth of the plant.

If the plant seems to be slower or slow to take off, you may want to wait with the feeding and repeat with ferti-lome Root Stimulator or use Natural Guard Plant Starter. This helps the plant in times of stress by using microbes.

If you planted a larger tree that needed staked, leave the stakes through the first year. Throughout the first year monitor the ties and make sure they are not too tight and cutting into the bark. If they are too tight either loosen them or replace them. If the tree is in a very windy location, it may be necessary to leave the stakes a second year. Research has shown that trees that are not staked produce stronger root systems.

If at anytime you have questions about your newly planted trees and shrubs please don't hesitate to call.



HAPPY PLANTING!

The plant professional at Clinton Parkway Nursery