



PLANTING B&B STOCK

Roots of balled and burlapped stock will be seriously damaged if the root ball is broken or disturbed in any way or is allowed to dry out. Keep root ball moist at all times. Dry roots die, so proper care and handling is extremely important.

Dig hole approximately twice the width and the same depth as the root ball. Carefully place tree in hole, making sure it stands straight and top of root ball is at ground level.

Remove all rope from the trunk. Backfill hole halfway up root ball then cut and remove visible portions of wire basket and burlap without disturbing the root ball.

Finish backfilling hole to top of root ball leaving no exposed burlap. Heel in soil with foot over entire backfill area to remove air pockets from the soil.

Remove all twine that binds the branches of the tree. Gently fluff the branches back into their natural position. Remove tagging ribbon from the tree.

Water root ball and entire backfill area. Let settle and finish with *more* soil. Layer 3-4" of mulch over backfilled area, keeping mulch away from trunk.

Larger B&B trees should receive 10-20 gallons of water once or more per week. Watering requirements change with the season, soil type, and tree size. It is possible to both over-water and under-water your tree.

Depending on the size of the tree and the site conditions, staking may be beneficial. Staking supports the tree until the roots are well established, which properly anchors it. Staking should allow for some movement of the tree. After trees are established, remove all support ropes and wires. If these are not removed, they can girdle the tree, cutting into the trunk and eventually killing the tree.

NOTE: Before digging, always contact the state agency responsible for designating where all utility lines are located. DIAL 811 for Utility Notification Center