

# Planting a Tree

Dig the hole 4-5 inches wider than the container and slightly deeper than the soil level in the container.

Put a cup of soil amendment, such as Sustane compost or fertilizer, in the bottom of the hole and mix up with the soil and the bottom of the hole.

Gently pull the plant from the container near the hole, place the tree soil ball in the hole and put the graft point or "knuckle" facing the northwest direction. AND DO NOT BURY it.

Bury only to the top root, most likely 4-6" below the graft point. Back fill the hole with at least 50% of the original soil from the hole.

You can topdress another 1/2 cup of fertilizer on top of the planted tree. Mulch about a 12" circle around the tree for water retention and weed suppression. If we are not getting 1" of rain a week. Please water your newly planted tree. A 5-gallon bucket with 2-3 nail holes at the base can leak out enough water for a week.

