

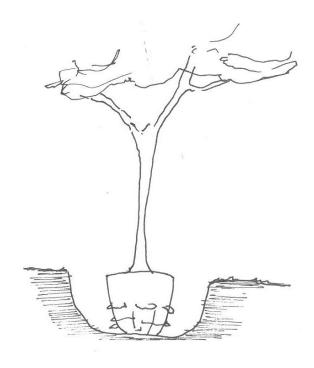
# **Planting Instructions**

#### **Container Material**

- 1. Prepare a hole about 50% wider than the root ball. The depth should be the same as the root ball.
- 2. Cut away the container being sure to keep the root ball intact. Place the plant in the hole so that the top of the root ball is at ground level. Cut around the sides of the root ball to loosen the roots. This prevents circling and girdling roots.
- 3. Fill in soil around the root ball until 2/3 full; water thoroughly. After the soil settles, fill completely to the top of the root ball. Make sure that the soil is packed tightly so that there are no air pockets around the root ball. Leave a small depression around the plant to collect water.

#### Balled & Burlap Material

- Prepare a hole about 50% wider than the root ball. The depth should be the same as the root ball.
- 2. Place the plant in the hole so that the top of the root ball is at ground level for sandy soil, or slightly above for clay soil. Remove twine & pull burlap down on the root ball. Remove top 1/3-1/2 of the wire basket if there is one. IMPORTANT—only remove the burlap & wire after tree is in the hole.
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  full; water thoroughly. After the soil
  settles, fill completely to the top of the
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### Fertilizing:

A good multi-purpose, slow-release fertilizer will work for all plants. When planting new plants, we recommend a root stimulator to strengthen the root system.

## Spraying:

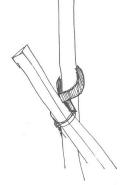
Examine your plants on regular intervals to determine whether or not an insect or disease problem is present. Treatment is most effective when begun early. At the first sign of insect or disease problems, contract our office, or your local Ohio extension agency. With proper instruction, you can control many of these problems yourself.

#### Tree Wrap/Staking:

Any wrap around the trunk can be removed at planting. The stakes should be removed after the first year. Plastic tree guards can be used to protect your new trees from deer damage.

# **Staking Diagrams:**

Single stake method:



Trees 3" caliper or smaller.

Triple stake:



Trees 3" caliper or larger.

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