

Proper Planting Procedure

1. Choose the Right plant for the Right place. Make sure the size and culture requirements of the plant matches it's home in your yard.
2. Dig a hole 2-3 times as wide as the root ball of the plant, but no deeper.
3. Firmly backfill without overly compacting the soil. **No amendments** are necessary in the planting hole. If the soil in place is unsuitable than either different plants should be used or the entire bed should be amended.
4. Staking should be avoided except on very windy sites, loose sandy soils or overly large trees and should only be in place for one growing season.
5. Avoid pruning heavily or shearing in the first growing season
6. Water thoroughly immediately and fertilize if needed.
7. Mulch 2-4 inches. Keep base of plant free of mulch. Do not bury.

