

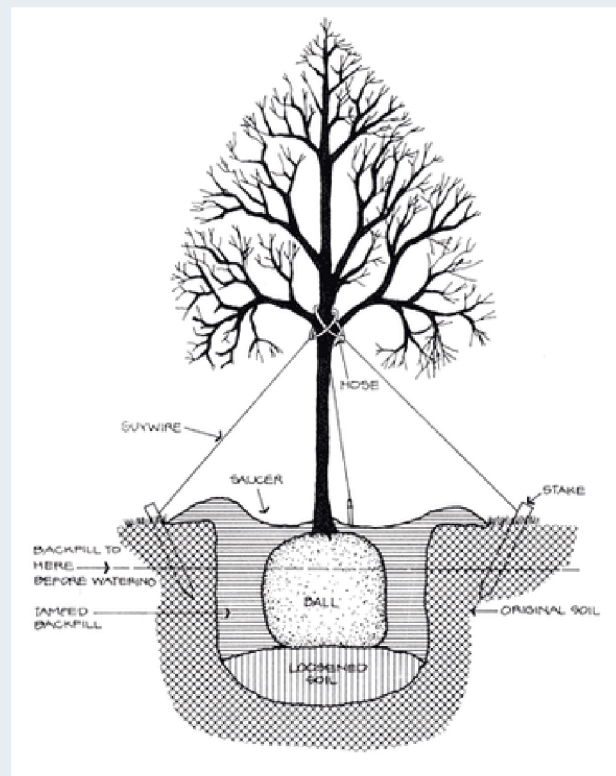
Planting B&B Trees

Balled & Burlapped (B&B or Wire Basket) stock is material that has been field grown, then harvested with soil encompassing the root ball, at Aubin Nurseries we use specialized equipment for this. The root ball is then wrapped in burlap and a wire basket is placed around it to secure the root ball. We do not recommend homeowners plant B&B trees on their own unless they have access to a skid steer or similar equipment to assist in moving the tree. B&B trees can weigh upwards of 300lbs and can be very awkward to move by hand.

Planting Your B&B Tree

1. Ensure the root ball has adequate moisture, especially if you won't be planting it the same day you pick it up.
2. Dig a hole twice the width of the root ball and the same depth. The top of the root ball should be flush with the ground when placed in the hole.
3. Place the tree into the hole. It is recommended you use equipment to lift the tree, however the tree can be rolled into the hole. Make sure the tree is straight upright and centered in the hole.
4. Fill the hole approx 1/3 of the way up with a mix of peat moss and the soil you removed from the hole.
5. After you plant your tree you can add a root promoting fertilizer. This can be mixed in with the fill material to help promote root growth.
6. Cut back the burlap from the top of the root ball, do not remove the wire basket, this could fatally damage the tree.
7. Backfill with the remainder of the existing soil, add additional peat moss if needed.
8. Pack soil, leaving the soil around the centre slightly higher than the edges, this will encourage water to flow to the edge of the root system where it is needed most.
9. Water thoroughly, add mulch over the soil, leaving a gap between the mulch and the trunk.
10. Newly planted trees will benefit from being staked for the first year, especially if the tree is in a high traffic or windy area.

Try to handle the tree as close to the root ball as possible to prevent damage



Tips for Staking your Tree

- Trees should be staked on at least 2 sides, 3 sides is preferred for open windy areas.
- Place stakes into undisturbed soil at the edge of the hole to ensure they hold in the ground
- If using tall stakes they should be straight upright and not leaning, ground stakes can be angled away from the tree (see picture above)
- Tie a rope to the tree at approximately chest height (or just under the canopy). Ties should overlap as shown in the photo above.
- Do not tie the rope tight to the tree. Create a loop so that the tree has room for growth.

Newly planted trees will need to be maintained for the first 2 years while the root system establishes. This includes pruning and watering (especially during times of drought)