

# PLANTING A BARE ROOT TREE

1. Soak tree roots in water for 3-6 hours.
2. Dig a wide and shallow hole. **Width:** Hole should be 3x the width of the root ball. **Depth:** The root flare should be planted at or slightly above ground level. Build a mound at the base of the hole and spread out the roots across the mound. Remove any roots circling around the trunk.
3. Backfill with original soil to 2/3 full. In the top 1/3 section, mix in 10% - 20% of amendment, topsoil and organic material. Water around the root ball to settle the soil.
4. Mulch wide, to the dripline if possible. Keep mulch away from the trunk. Mulch should be 2" - 4" deep. Create a berm to catch rain water. Deconstruct the berm after one year.
5. Remove all tags and nursery stakes. Stake the tree if necessary. Use stakes and a flexible material, like arbotie. Remove staking after one year.
6. Water in the tree at the time of planting. Water regularly for the first 2 years. See watering guidelines.