



# PAWTUCKAWAY

## NURSERY CORP.

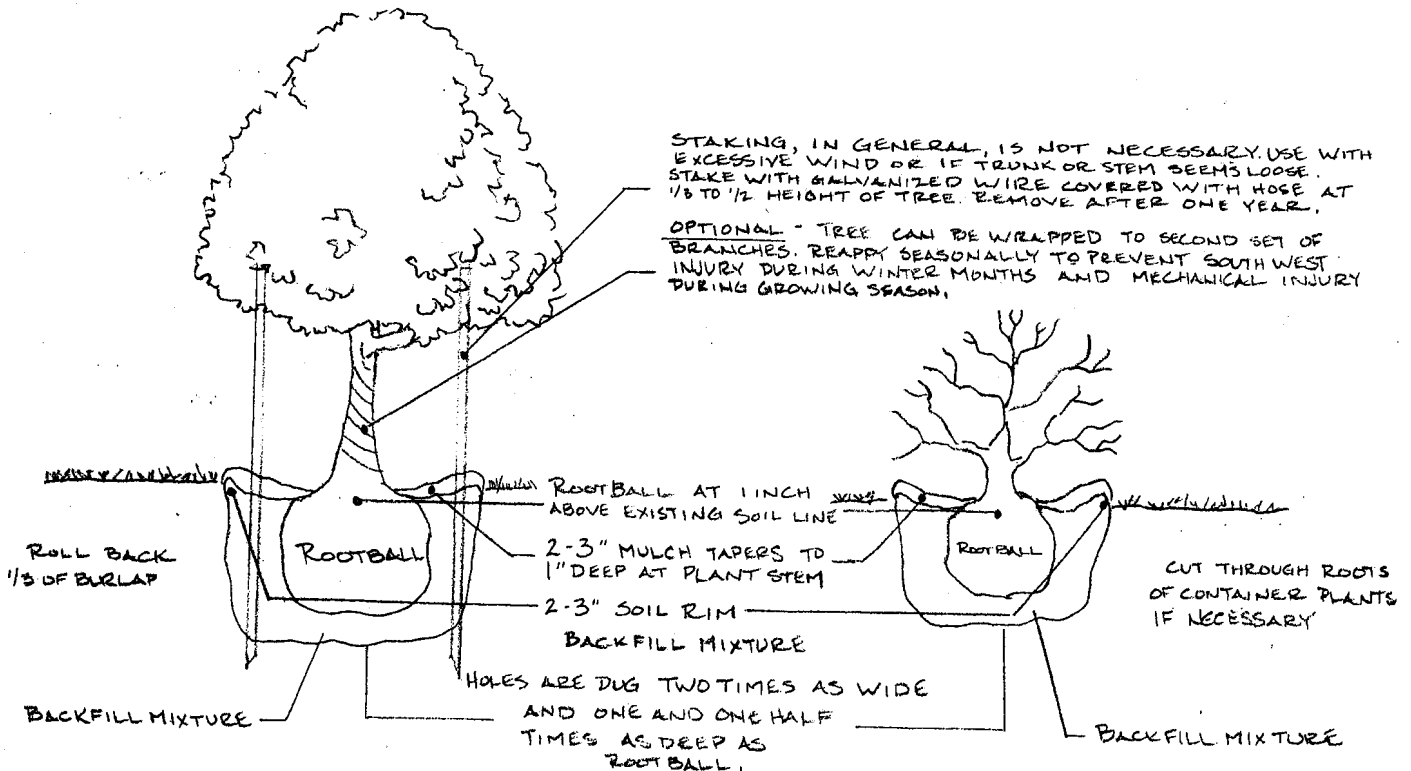
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### Planting Instructions

1. Dig hole 2 times as wide and 1 1/2 times as deep as container or root ball. See diagram below.
  2. Discard poor quality mat'l dug from hole saving about 1/5 of the existing material to mix with back fill mixture :see step 3
  3. Prepare backfill mixture of loam (topsoil), organic material (peat moss, compost, composted cow manure...) and soil saved from hole in step (2). Mix well. We recommend 20 to 40 % organic material by volume for backfill mixture.
  4. Measure root ball of plant from soil line to bottom and place a pad of backfill mixture in the bottom of the hole so that when the plant is placed in the hole it will be no deeper than its' previous soil line and slightly higher (1 inch). Firm pad well.
  5. (A). Container plants: Remove plant from container and place in hole, making sure that it is not too high or too low. Top of soil line should be approximately 1 inch higher than the surrounding grade.\* Gently loosen or cut small roots to stimulate new root development. If roots are spiraling around inside of pot cut down the side of the root ball from top to bottom 1/2 inch deep in 3 or 4 places with a knife. Loosen roots and place in hole.  
 (B). Balled and Burlap (B&B) plants: (See diagram) Place plant in hole with burlap and wire basket intact. Do not remove burlap or wire basket. Check grade. Top of root ball should be slightly higher (1 inch) than surrounding grade. Once plant is in hole, cut strings and burlap from around stem and roll back as much as possible from around ball without disturbing root ball. If wire basket, top section of basket should be cut back or bent back once plant is in hole.  
 (C). Peat Pots: Do Not remove from peat pots. Plant as above without removing pot. You can cut back the top of the pot to make even with the top of the rootball but do not remove the pot.
- \* Close attention should be paid to Rhododendrons, Pieris (Andromeda), Mt. Laurel, and Azaleas. Be sure to plant one inch higher than existing grade as explained above and take care not to over-water so as to avoid potential disease problems.
6. Backfill 1/2 of the hole with backfill mixture and firm well and/or water lightly to remove any air pockets.
  7. Place fertilizer tablets 2 inches away from root ball. If using mycorrhizal product, remember to apply within the top twelve inches of soil near the root ball as you backfill. Backfill rest of hole and firm soil well.
  8. Create a 2 to 3 inch raised ring of soil (see diagram) around plant to create a saucer to hold water. Mulch with 2 to 3 inches of bark mulch, tapering at base of plant stem to an approximate depth of 1 inch.



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## Do's and Don'ts

**Do** dig hole 2 x as wide and 1 ½ x as deep as root ball.

**Do** plant tree or shrub slightly higher than existing grade.

**Don't** plant too deeply

**Don't** remove wire basket or peat pot from root ball. Just cut or bend back top section.

**Do** roll or remove burlap from top only of root ball once the tree or shrub is placed in hole.

**Do** water deeply every 3-7 days for shrubs, every 5-10 days for trees .

**Don't** water daily or rely on an irrigation system.

**Do** water through November.

Please read full planting instructions on front for complete details.

## Watering Instructions

You cannot rely on rainfall for the first couple of years after planting. During dry spells be sure to manually check the soil for water.

**Shrubs:** Water at the base of plant, filling saucer 2 or 3 times, letting it soak into the soil each time, every 3 to 7 days. If soil is sandy and well drained, water every 3 days: if clay-like, water approximately every 7 days at base, being careful not to over water.

**Trees:** Water same as above except every 5 to 10 days.

**Please do not rely on irrigation systems for watering. You must water with a hose to be sure plant receives the right amount of water.**

Please pay particular attention to the watering needs of evergreens through out the growing season, especially in the fall. To check soil for dryness or wetness, pull mulch back and check soil approximately 2 inches down. If dry, water again. If moist check again in a couple of days. Weather will also affect how often to water: sunny and windy - more: cloudy and cool - less.

**Over watering can kill a plant just as quickly as under watering.** If possible, please water using Miracle-Gro every other time you water through mid-August or other transplant solutions (e.g. Root Stimulator)\*\* which are used at the time of planting and then once a month thereafter. After mid-August, please continue with regular watering schedule for the rest of season.

**Please note** if using a mycorrhizal product do not apply Miracle-Gro or Root Stimulator for the first three weeks after planting to allow for the establishment of the fungi.

\*\* We highly recommend the use of either Root Stimulator or mycorrhizal fungi at the time of planting.

## Our Plant Guarantee

We guarantee+ our trees and shrubs for 1 year from date of purchase. Supplied planting and watering instructions **must be followed** for guarantee to apply. If you feel that your plant material is not looking good, **please notify us immediately** so we can make any necessary recommendations and note it in our records. All claims **must be accompanied by original receipt**. The guarantee will cover the **original price paid** for a **one time** replacement. **Any difference in price will be the customers responsibility**. If credit is issued, it will be applicable towards **plant material only**. We recommend the use of an anti-desiccant (e.g. Wilt-pruf) on evergreens according to label instructions. **Reminder, any claims for replacement or credit must be accompanied by original receipt. If we determine that a plant covered under guarantee needs to be replaced, it will be replaced based on above conditions being met. Please note replacement may take some time, but will be done, most likely after June 1st. Your patience would be appreciated. *Plant guarantee does not cover acts of nature, insect damage, etc.***

Again, don't wait until it's too late - at the first signs of plant stress give us a call!

+ **The following plant material is not included in the one year guarantee:**

Roses, butterfly bush, caryopteris, hypericum, hibiscus, heather and perennials (which include clematis and peonies).

## Winter Care

We suggest that for winter care shrubs such as the macrophylla hydrangeas, roses, caryopteris, hypericum, hibiscus, heather and butterfly bush be mulched with salt marsh hay for good winter protection. Start by covering the shrub crown with bark mulch from the surrounding bed 4 to 6 inches high. Then mound the salt marsh hay approximately 12 to 18 inches high over the center of the plant. A good time to do this would be just after Thanksgiving. Pull back the bark mulch and hay in mid to late April of the new year.