



# Tree For All

## Plant Maintenance Sheet

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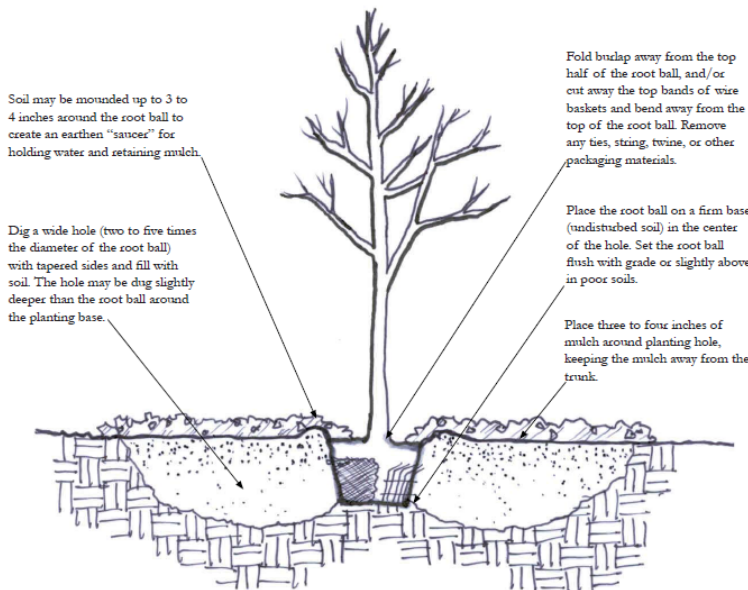
### WATERING

New trees require at least one inch of rainfall per week to ten days during the first growing season, and should be carefully monitored for adequate moisture during their establishment period (around two to three years). Water slowly, allowing the water to soak the entire root system. Do not keep the soil saturated; allow the soil to somewhat dry out between waterings. All plants use water in the winter. Check the soil before irrigating to ensure it is dry.

### MULCHING

One of the most important and cost-effective practices for keeping the soil moist and weed-free around new trees is to apply a thick layer of mulch. It also cools the soil in the summer and reduces erosion due to bare soil. The thickness of the layer of mulch may vary between two and four inches deep. Fresh mulch should be regularly reapplied to maintain a thick layer over the soil, as mulch decomposes or is lost from surface runoff. Local utility companies can provide large amounts of chipped wood for a nominal fee.

Tree Planting Detail



### Recommended Watering Schedule

September-October: Once a week  
 November-February: Once every other week  
 March-June: Once a week  
 July-August: Twice a week

Year One – 15 Gallons per watering  
 Year Two – 20 Gallons per watering



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