

GREAT PLAINS NURSERY

3074 County Road I ••• Weston, NE 68070

Proper Planting of 1 gal RootMaker Tree

1. Pre-Planting: Inspect your tree upon arrival. If you have any concerns, contact us within 48 hours.

Trees can be kept in the clear bag for a 2-3 days until ready to plant. Keep out of direct sun and be sure to maintain the moisture level until planted.

2. Planting: Dig the hole twice as wide and the exact depth as the root ball. Make sure that the bottom of the hole is firm so that the tree doesn't settle after planted.

Tease the roots and position the tree so that all the roots are pointed outward to be able to grow out into the surrounding soil.

Backfill around the roots with the same soil. Don't stomp or compact the backfilled soil.

Create a small berm around the perimeter of the hole to create a basin and help collect water so it can soak in slowly. If planting on a slope, make the berm on the downhill side so the water can be collected.

3. Staking: If you are in a protected site, staking may not be necessary. If staking is needed, drive a bamboo or fiberglass stake vertically, next to the trunk of the tree. Secure to the trunk and new growth with rubber T-bands. The main objective is to guide the vigorous new growth to be a straight trunk.

4. Mulching: Apply a 2-3 feet diameter mulch ring that is 2 inches deep. Keep the mulch 2 inches away from the trunk of the tree to prevent decay. The root flare should be visible. Mulching helps reduce competition from other plants such as turf and weeds. It also helps retain moisture during the hot summer and dry winter months. DO NOT apply so much mulch that there is a 'volcano' against the trunk. DO NOT use rocks or use plastic weed barriers under the mulch.

5. Watering: Give a deep soaking at time of planting, then again 2 days later. Trees need a good, deep watering once a week for the first year to establish. We generally recommend one inch or 5-7 gallons of water per week. If it rains an inch that week, you can skip watering. Check the soil moisture to determine if watering is needed.

