

HOW TO PLANT A TREE



STEP 1

Dig a hole 3x wider than diameter of basket

STEP 2

Set the base of the basket in undisturbed soil. The flare at the base of the tree trunk should be visible above ground once tree is planted.



STEP 3

Backfill $\frac{1}{3}$ of the hole with original soil, or a mix of topsoil and compost. Tamp gently but firmly. Continue filling the hole in layers, gently tamping each layer until the hole is $\frac{2}{3}$ full.

STEP 4

Remove twine from around base of tree and peel burlap away from the top of the ball.

STEP 5

Cut away the top of the basket. Optionally, wire basket hoops can be bent back and buried or clipped about 10cm below the soil surface.

STEP 6



Moisten soil to allow root ball to settle, then backfill completely and tamp lightly.

STEP 7

Build a water holding berm around the tree, outside the root ball. Mulch lightly over the root ball with less than 1" of mulch (do not mulch up the trunk). Mulch can be 2-4" deep outside the root ball.

