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PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

DRAINAGE

Adequate drainage is important for the health and growth of a tree. To tell you if you have a drainage problem follow this procedure:

- Dig a hole where the tree/shrub is to go, the hole should be the same size as the container that you are planting
- Fill the hole with water
- If the water does not drain within a 2-3 hour period this indicates that there is a drainage problem; the following is our recommendation to improve the problem:
 - Dig a hole twice the depth and width of the root ball or pot
 - Fill the bottom 12" with $\frac{3}{4}$ washed rock
 - Place filter cloth over rock
 - Place root ball/pot into hole
 - If you have a plant in a plastic pot, remove pot before placing in hole
 - Make sure the top of the root ball is level or slightly lower with ground, do not plant the tree/shrub too deep as this will suffocate or cut oxygen to the roots, causing the tree to suffer
 - Backfill with a good quality soil
 - Fertilize with a good quality fertilizer
 - Water regularly

For Example: If you have an 18" x 16" pot, dig hole 36" x 32", fill the bottom 12" with $\frac{3}{4}$ drain rock, place filter cloth over top, add 7" loam, then plant tree or shrub as specified above.

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BAREROOT TREES

1. Dig a hole 12"-16" deep and 18"-24" wide.
2. Put a light layer of about 6"-8" of soil in the hole. Place the tree in the hole.
3. Put at least 6"-8" of soil over the roots. When you are about 3"-4" above the roots, start packing the soil in around the tree.
4. It will be necessary to stake your bareroot trees until they are well established.

BAREROOT SHRUBS

1. Dig a hole 12"-14" deep and 16"-18" wide.
2. Put a light layer of about 4"-6" of soil in the hole. Place the shrub in the hole.
3. Put at least 6"-8" of soil over the roots. When you are about 3"-4" above the roots, start packing the soil in around the plant.