

PLANTING & CARING FOR A TREE

- 1** Remove tree from container and prepare for planting
- Loosen soil to free roots
 - Cut any circling roots

*Call 811 to locate utilities **48 hrs** before digging



- 2** Identify the root flare (the first major, finger sized, root)
- Dig hole the depth of this root
 - Root flare should be at ground level when planted



- 3** Dig a hole ~2x as wide as the rootball
- Take off the top layer of grass and soil and save for later
 - Dig straight down so the sides don't slant



- 4** Put the tree in the hole & backfill the soil
- Make sure the tree is straight
 - Pack soil to remove air pockets



- 5** Add water to settle the soil and fill in any air pockets



- 6** Build the berm around the tree with the top layer of grass and soil (from step #3)



- 7** Add mulch
- Make sure the root flare is exposed



- 8** Water tree again
- Add a water device (if possible)
 - Water tree 2x a week with 5-10 gallons for 2 years

