How to Plant a Bare Root Tree (continued)

**CAUTION**

WHEN BACK FILLING HOLE WITH SOIL AIR POCKETS MUST BE ELIMINATED

TO AVOID AIR POCKETS:
1. USING HANDS, BREAK UP CLUMPED SOIL AND SPRINKLE OVER ROOTS
2. PERIODICALLY SHAKE THE TRUNK UP AND DOWN TO HELP SETTLE SOIL

**POSITION TREE FOR BACK FILLING #10**

- SUSPEND TREE OVER HOLE WITH ROOT FLARE EVEN WITH GROUND LEVEL
- MAKE SURE TRUNK IS VERTICAL
- EXTEND Roots TO FULL LENGTH WITHOUT CURLING, CROSSING, OR TWISTING

**BACK FILL THE HOLE WITH SOIL #11**

- STOP BACK FILLING WHEN HOLE IS 3/4 FULL WITH SOIL
- THEN:
  - FILL PIT WITH WATER, ALLOW TO SOAK IN COMPLETELY

**COMPLETE BACK FILLING #12**

- TAMp SOIL LIGHTLY
- DO NOT BURY ROOT FLARE

**MULCH TREE WITH WOOD CHIPS #13**

- FORM A MULCH "DONUT" 3" TO 4" THICK
- DO NOT BURY ROOT FLARE

**STAKE THE TREE (OPTIONAL) #14**

**WATER THE TREE #15**

- WATER AT LEAST 10 GALLONS, TWICE A WEEK, FOR 1ST TWO YEARS

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