How to Plant a Balled & Burlapped ("B&B") Tree

1. Lay tree on side
2. Cut and remove twine and tags
3. Inspect for: (A) Dead, (B) Damaged, or (C) Crossing branches. If found, call block captain for pruning.
4. Stand tree up. Unwrap burlap at top of root ball only.
5. Consult with block captain and locate the 'root flare'.
6. Determine planting depth. 2 shovels can be used to measure planting depth, "D".
7. Locate center of tree within pit. Street curb.
   - Minimum pit: 3 ft. depth of hole
   - Diameter of hole = root ball diameter plus 2 shovel widths
8. Dig hole no deeper than height of root ball.
9. Check hole depth using crossed shovels (see #6).
10. Have block captain check hole depth before proceeding. (OVER)
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CAUTION

WHEN LOWERING TREE INTO PIT:
- 2 - 3 PEOPLE NEEDED
- LOWER GENTLY, DO NOT DROP
- DO NOT ALLOW THE ROOT BALL TO BREAK
- DO NOT USE TRUNK AS LEVER

ROTATE TREE IN PIT TO ALIGN LONGEST BRANCHES PARALLEL TO CURB

CUT BASKET

CUT AWAY TOP 1/3 OF WIRE BASKET WITH BOLT CUTTERS

START BACK-FILLING HOLE

CUT AWAY TOP 1/3 OF BURLAP WITH UTILITY KNIFE

COMPLETE-BACK FILLING HOLE

LIGHTLY TAMPER SOIL

DO NOT BURY ROOT FLARE

MULCH THE TREE WITH WOOD CHIPS

FORM A MULCH "DONUT" 3" TO 4" THICK

DO NOT BURY ROOT FLARE

STAKE THE TREE (OPTIONAL)

WATER THE TREE

USE WIRE BASKET HANDLES ONLY

ENJOY YOUR TREE!

WATER AT LEAST 10 GALLONS, ONCE A WEEK, APRIL - OCT

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