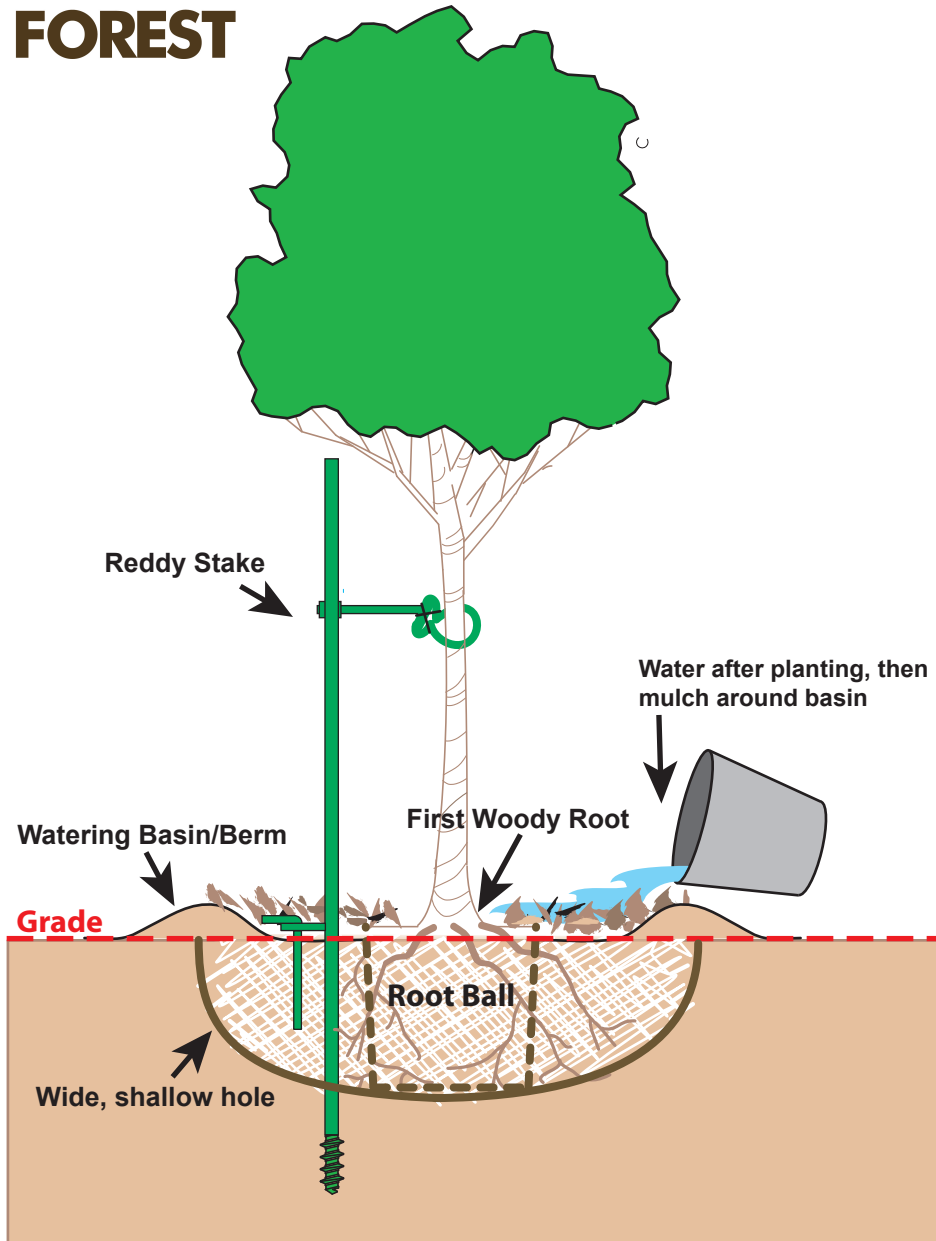


# Tree Planting Instructions

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## I. HOLE PREPARATION

- A. Call USA before you dig to check for underground utilities
- B. Dig hole at the green or white T marked on your curb
  1. Dig hole as deep as the rootball is in the container
  2. Dig hole 2 - 3 times as wide as the container
- C. Tamp down loose dirt in the hole
- D. Score sides of the hole with a shovel or pickaxe

## II. ROOTBALL PREPARATION

- A. Find and expose the first woody root on the root flair
- B. Lay the tree on its side near the hole
- C. Loosen soil in container by gently kneeling on the container
- D. Untangle the rootball and cut major circling roots with a sharp set of pruners

## III. PLANTING

- A. Place the rootball in the center of the hole
- B. Check the depth using the Reddy Stake to level the first woody root with surrounding grade, or slightly above
- C. Adjust height as necessary, by digging or refilling, and tamp loose soil
- D. Consider the canopy orientation
- E. Backfill the soil while holding roots outward and gently tamping down loose soil. Do not cover the top of the rootball

## IV. STAKING

- A. Remove the nursery stake and backfill the hole left by stake
- B. Install the Reddy Stake (see staking instructions on back)

## V. WATERING

- A. Create a firm watering basin approx. 12"-18" from the trunk
- B. Water immediately (see watering instructions on back)
- C. Add 2-4" of mulch, staying 3" away from trunk

