Tree Planting Instructions

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 inches of mulch, staying 3 inches away from trunk

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