



## Planting Your Young Tree

### **Dig the hole 4 feet wide and 8 to 10 inches deep**

- Remove grass and weeds in a 4-foot-wide circle.
- Dig your hole 4 feet wide and 8 to 10 inches deep. Score the sides of the hole so the hole is not smooth.
- Dig an additional 8 inches of soil around the edge to create a solid 12-inch-wide pedestal in the center of the hole.
- Remove the entire root ball from the container. Thoroughly loosen and extend side and bottom roots from the root ball. Cut any roots circling the root ball with a sharp tool.
- Place the root ball on the pedestal so the root crown (where the trunk meets the roots) is about 1½ to 2 inches above the surrounding ground level.
- Place the existing soil back in the hole. Do not place grass or weeds in the hole. When backfilling the hole, avoid air pockets by lightly tamping, but don't compact the soil. Refill the hole only up to the top of the root ball.
- Water your newly planted tree deeply after planting.
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