

Pick the right spot and the right tree, then plant it right.

- ① Choose a site and consider the sun exposure, moisture, soil, wind, and salt exposure.
- ② Choose a tree that is suited to the site and will have enough space for its branches and roots when fully grown.
- ③ Dig a hole 2–3 times wider and no deeper than the roots. Expose the root collar—the place where the trunk meets the roots. Remove container or rope and wire basket, and cut off any roots that circle the root ball.
- ④ Place the tree in the hole and push the top of the burlap down so it rests on the bottom of the hole. Put the soil back in, up to the level of the root collar.
- ⑤ Add mulch 2–3 inches deep over the planting area making sure it does not touch the trunk.
- ⑥ Water deeply and regularly during the first year.
- ⑦ Prune only if necessary to remove damaged branches.

