

## **TREE PLANTING TIPS**

Before planting locate all utilities, above ground and below ground.

Stake where you want the tree to go and then view the stake from all directions and from inside the house

Keep trees at least 15 feet from foundations, driveways and walks

Dig the hole twice as wide as the tree root ball, and the same depth as the root ball

Amend the soil no more than 25 % with compost

Set the tree in the hole on a solid pedestal of soil, with top of root ball level or even a bit higher than the surrounding soil.

Make sure the trunk is straight up and down, position lowest limb to the southwest

Backfill up to ½ the root ball

Cut off all twine and remove burlap from top of root ball

Begin to water the tree, and complete backfill

Create a dike around the hole to hold water

Rap the trunk,

Stake the tree with t-posts

Mulch inside the dike