

PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: After you have selected your planting site,

- 1) Scalp or remove all living material to 2 inches below the soil surface in a 2-foot diameter circle. Scalping removes competing vegetation and makes water and soil nutrients more available to the tree.
- 2) In the middle of the scalped area, dig a hole about 12" deep, or at least deep enough to accommodate the root system.
- 3) The tree should be planted to a depth about half way between the bottom most branch and the top of the first lateral root.
- 4) Fill around the roots about 1/3 of the way up from the bottom of the hole and tamp firm with your hand. Repeat the process filling in the hole 1/3 at a time until the hole is filled, then smooth the ground surface around the hole.
Water the seedling. Be careful that you do not create any air pockets when filling in the planting hole.

5) Cover the base around the seedling with a layer of protective mulch after the to match water has soaked in.

6) Thoroughly soak the seedling every ten days to two weeks during the first growing season.

7) Before the ground freezes, be sure to thoroughly soak the seedling. Also water during warm spell if the ground is dry and not frozen
