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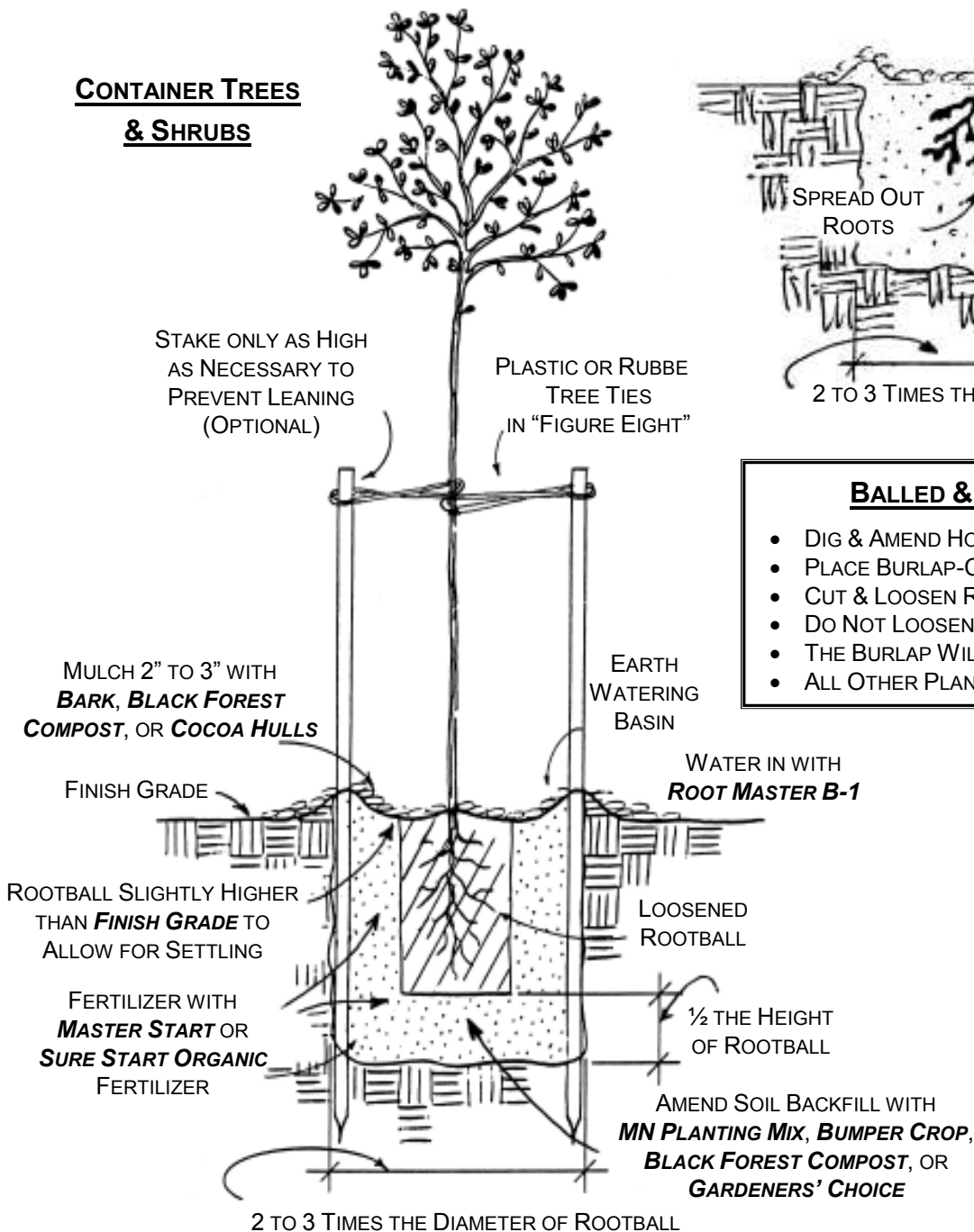
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## TREE & SHRUB PLANTING TIPS

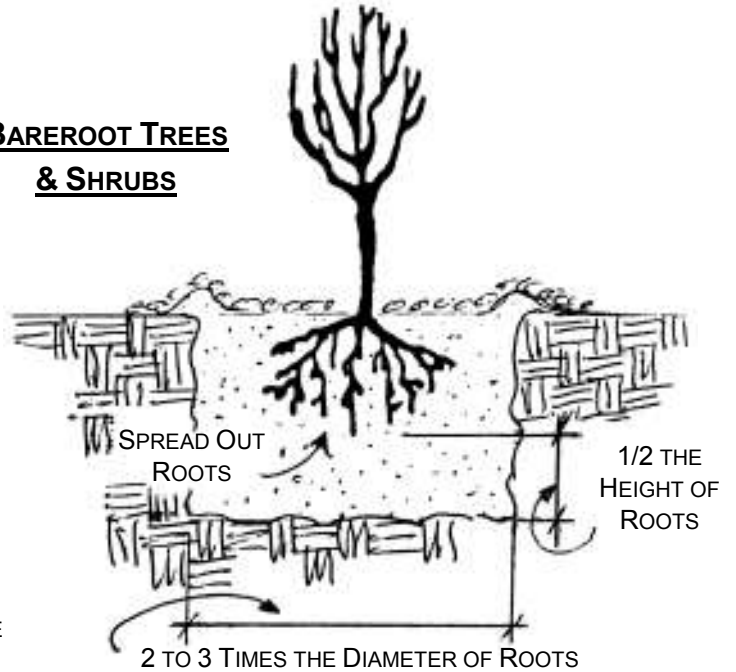
### **FIRST STEP = WATER YOUR PLANTS!**

It's very important to **WATER** your new plants **BEFORE** you plant them!

### CONTAINER TREES & SHRUBS



### BAREROOT TREES & SHRUBS



### BALLED & BURLAPPED (B&B)

- DIG & AMEND HOLE AS FOR CONTAINER TREES
- PLACE BURLAP-COVERED ROOTBALL IN HOLE
- CUT & LOOSEN ROPE FROM AROUND THE TRUNK
- DO NOT LOOSEN THE ROOTBALL
- THE BURLAP WILL ROT AWAY
- ALL OTHER PLANTING TIPS APPLY

*These **Planting Tips** outline the steps you should take to get your new plant off to a great start. The insets for **Bareroot and B&B Trees & Shrubs** show what might be a little different for these plants. Refer to the back of this handout for more details. As always, our staff is here to answer any questions you may have.*

## TREE & SHRUB PLANTING TIPS

**WATER FIRST** – All plants should be well-watered before you plant them (in addition to after you plant them). A pre-moistened rootball makes for a healthier plant.

**SOIL AMENDMENTS** – Our staff can help you pick the right amendment for your soil type. Blend the amendment with your native soil whenever possible. Make sure to remove all large rocks from your planting hole.

**MASTER NURSERY PLANTING MIX** – Your best choice when planting rhododendrons, conifers, dogwoods & Japanese maples. Mix up to 100% with your native soil.

**NURSERYMAN'S BUMPER CROP SOIL BUILDER** – Our general-purpose soil amendment for most soils. Mix up to 50% with your native soil.

**NURSERYMAN'S BLACK FOREST COMPOST** – Helps break up heavy clay soils. Mix up to 50% with your native soil.

**NURSERYMAN'S GARDENERS' CHOICE PLANTING MIX** – When you don't have enough native soil to mix into any of the other amendments, this is your choice. You can mix up to 75% of this amendment with your native soil.

**FERTILIZER** – This is your best opportunity to get starter fertilizer down into your plant's root zone. Choose either **Master Start** or **Sure Start Organic** fertilizer to help new plants get off to a healthy start. Following the package directions, mix some of the fertilizer in the bottom of your planting hole, and the remaining into your amended soil to be used for backfill.

**LOOSEN ROOTS** – For container-grown plants, remove the container and loosen the root ball with your fingers. Using sharp pruning shears, remove any broken roots and roots matted on the bottom. For B&B plants (with burlap around their root ball), do not remove the burlap or loosen the root ball. Once the root ball is placed in the planting hole, cut and loosen the rope from around the trunk.

**WATERING IN** – All new trees & shrubs should be watered in after the planting hole has been refilled half-way with amended soil, then again after planting is completed. Watering in with one teaspoon of **Master Nursery's Root Master B-1** mixed per gallon of water helps minimize transplant shock and stimulates new root growth.

**STAKING** – Not all plants need to be staked. Only stake your plant if it cannot support itself under normal, windy or snowy conditions. Tighten the tree ties enough to provide support; do not eliminate all movement as this will keep the tree from developing a strong trunk.

**MULCH** – Both decorative and functional, mulch helps keep moisture in and weeds out!

- **MASTER NURSERY FIR BARK**
- **MASTER NURSERY SHREDDED CEDAR BARK**
- **NURSERYMAN'S BLACK FOREST COMPOST**
- **COCOA HULL MULCH**

**DEER FENCING** – The best deer repellent is a fence. For individual trees & shrubs, a length of tall wire fencing can be firmly staked around the plant to keep pests at bay. Make sure the diameter of your fence is at least equal to the diameter of your tree's canopy. Deer are not only attracted to foliage, but to the trunk as well -- they can kill plants by damaging their bark. So, even though your tree or shrub may be *deer resistant*, you may want to protect it with a fence while it's young.

**REGULAR WATERING** – All newly planted trees & shrubs need deep, regular watering even if they are expected to be drought-tolerant once established. Establishment can take 2-3 years. To know if your plant is getting enough water, check the soil. Your plant needs a deep watering when the soil an inch below the surface is dry. Soil conditions, weather and plant type all play a part in how often you'll need to water your trees & shrubs. Ask any of our staff about the requirements of your plants.