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TREE PLANTING DETAILS

1. TREE PITS SHALL BE 1/3 GREATER IN DIAMETER THAN THE BALL. DEPTH OF THE TREE PIT SHALL BE THE SAME DEPTH AS THE TREE BALL. THE TOP OF THE BALL SHALL PLANTED THE SAME HEIGHT AS THE GROUND.
2. BACKFILL: WHEN DIGGING THE PIT TOPSOIL AND SUBGRADE SOIL TO BE KEPT SEPARATE. ALL BUT THE TOP SIX INCHES OF BACKFILL SHALL BE SUBGRADE SOIL. BACK FILL MUST BE FIRM NOT LOOSE.
3. TOP SIX INCHES OF BACKFILL SHALL BE TOPSOIL.
4. ALL TREES SHALL HAVE A WATER BASIN A BERM FOR THE WATER BASIN SHALL BE PLACED ON TOP OF THE BACKFILL AREA.
5. 3 TO 4 INCHES OF WOOD CHIPS ARE TO BE PLACED ON TOP OF THE BALL WITHIN THE WATER BASIN SOON AFTER THE BERM IS CONSTRUCTED. FOREIGN SOIL SHALL NEVER BE PUT ON TOP OF ANY PART OF THE BALL.
6. THE SOIL AREA BEYOND THE TREE PIT TO DRIP LINE OF THE TREE SHALL BE PREPARED TO A DEPTH OF SIX INCHES.
7. IF GUYING THE TREE IS NECESSARY ALL GUY WIRES SHALL BE LOOSE SO THE TREE CAN HAVE MOVEMENT. GUY WIRES ARE TO BE REMOVED ONE YEAR AFTER PLANTING.
8. PRUNING: ALL DECIDUOUS TREES AND SHRUBS SHALL BE PRUNED AFTER PLANTING. THE NATURAL CHARACTER OF THE PLANT SHALL BE PRESERVED. PRUNING SHALL CONSIST OF THE REMOVAL OF ALL DEAD WOOD, SUCKERS, WATER SHOOTS, DISEASED, BROKEN BRANCHES, AND CROSSING BRANCHES. EVERGREEN PLANTS SHALL NOT BE PRUNED EXCEPT TO REMOVE DEAD OR BROKEN BRANCHES. ALL PRUNING SHALL BE DONE WITH PROPER SHARP TOOLS.

