

HOW TO PLANT A TREE



**STEP 1: DIG YOUR HOLE
2-3X THE SIZE
OF THE ROOT BALL**

**STEP 2: AT THE SAME TIME
REMOVE TREE FROM ITS
CONTAINER**





STEP 3: FIND THE ROOT FLARE
TOP OF THE ROOT FLARE NEEDS TO BE AT GROUND LEVEL.
IT SHOULD BE THE SIZE OF A FINGER.
SMALLER ROOTS ABOVE THE ROOT FLARE SHOULD BE REMOVED.



STEP 4: MAKE 4 HORIZONTAL CUTS AROUND
THE ROOT BALL.
THE ROOT BALL SHOULD LOOK LIKE A SQUARE.
“SQUARING” YOUR ROOT BALL PREVENTS
GIRDLING ROOTS



Girdling Roots



STEP 5: LOWER THE TREE INTO THE HOLE TO CHECK FOR CORRECT DEPTH. SIDES OF THE HOLE NEED TO BE VERTICAL NOT SLOPED! ROOT FLARE SHOULD BE AT GROUND LEVEL. CHECK BY PLACING SHOVEL ACROSS THE HOLE, THE BOTTOM OF SHOVEL HANDLE REPRESENTING SOIL LINE



STEP 6: MAKE SURE TRUNK OF TREE IS STRAIGHT VERTICALLY.



**STEP 7: FILL THE HOLE WITH SOIL AND PACK IT DOWN.
BUILD A BERM WITH SOD. GRASS SIDE DOWN, AROUND THE HOLE.**



**STEP 8: ADD MULCH FOR BERM.
PLACE WATERING DEVICE ON TREE.
CLEAN UP SITE**

