**HOW TO PLANT A**

**BAREROOT TREE**

1. **Unpack tree and soak! Do NOT plant with packing materials attached to the roots and DO NOT allow roots to dry out.**
2. **Dig a hole, wider than seems necessary, so the roots can spread without crowding. Remove any grass within a three foot circular area.**
3. **Plant the tree at the same depth it stood in the nursery, without crowding the roots. Partially fill the hole, firming the soil around the lower roots. DO NOT add soil amendments.**
4. **Shovel in the remaining soil. It should be firmly but not tightly with your heel. Construct a water holding basin around the tree. Give the tree plenty of water.**
5. **After the trees have soaked in water. A 2 inch deep protective mulch in an 3 feet in diameter around the base of the tree ( not touching the tree)**
6. **Water the tree generously every week or 10 days during the first year.**
7. **If a tree is planted correctly, it will grow twice as fast and live at least twice as long as one that is incorrectly planted. Ideally, dig or root till an area one foot deep and approximately 4 times the diameter of the root ball. The prepared soil will root growth beyond the root ball and results in a healthier tree. In transplanting a, be sure to keep soil around the roots. Always handle your tree by the ball, not by the trunk or branches. Don’t let the root ball dry out! Help prevent root girdling be vertically cutting any roots that show tendencies to circle the root ball.**