

# See additional planting & care instructions in this booklet or scan the QR code below





## **PLANTING**

- · Dig a hole twice the width and just as deep as the original root ball
- · Always roughen up the outer root ball of the plant if plant is compacted
- Create a evenly mixed 50/50 blend of the original soil and a high quality soil amendment (such as Daddy Pete's Composted Cow Manure)
- Avoid planting too deep never add soil on top of the existing root ball. Place the plant into the hole so that the crown "top" of the root ball is slightly higher than original soil level. If you need to, just add some of your soil mixture to the bottom of the hole until the right height is acheived.
- Pack back the prepared soil mixture around the sides of the root ball tamping in carefully with feet to pack and stabilize plant's root ball.
- · Thoroughly water to settle in planted root ball area
- · Mulch surface of planted area with 3" of Evergreen Pine Bark Mulch, Hardwood Mulch, or other types of quality mulch

### WATERING

- · Deeply water at planting
- For the first two weeks, water 3x a week or about every other day.
- · For the next three weeks, water twice a week
- Plan to water weekly after this point unless you receive 1" of rainfall that week at your location

#### TIPS:

- The best time to water is typically during the earlier part of the morning/day as the afternoon can evaporate water much more quickly and evening can encourage fungal problems for some plants
- Even drought tolerant plants need regular watering until they are established
- · Watering the foliage is good, but not the main focus. Drenching the root ball is the main priority. For single trees or larger trees or shrubs, positioning the hose end near the trunk to run very slowly for approximately 10 minutes each is a very effective method of full soaking the root ball area. Alternate back and forth between multiple plants when watering larger groups of shrubs and landscape plantings allowing time for water to penetrate into the root ball area.

### ROOT STIMULATOR

#### Mixing Instructions: 3 tbsp per gallon of water

Fertilome Root Stimulator eases transplant shock and helps promote root growth. We recommed this for all trees & shrubs with the exception of fruit trees & berry bushes or other consumable plants.

#### Directions

Pour mixed solution around the root ball the day after planting & repeat this application weekly for the next 4 weeks.

## **Average Single Application Rates** Per 1 Gallon of Solution

1 - 2 Gallon Containers 1/2 Gallon Solution 1 Gallon Solution 3-5 Gallon Containers 7-10 Gallon Containers 2 Gallon Solution 15 Gallon Containers 3 Gallon Solution 4 Gallons Solution 20-25 Gallon

Balled & Burlap 4-5 Gallons Solution