

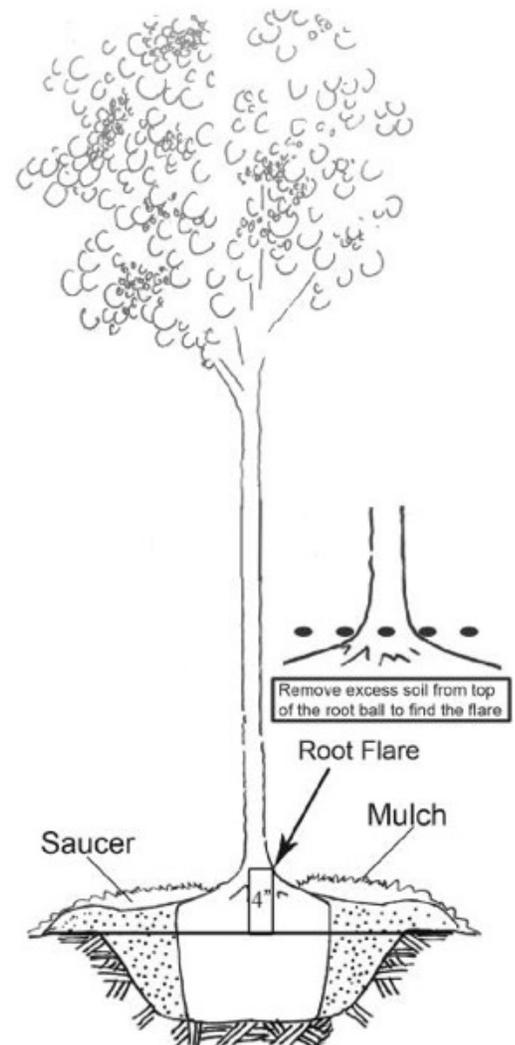
## Planting a Potted Tree in Heavy Soil

### Before Digging

To prevent injury while planting in your landscape, contact Gopher One at (651) 454-0002 to have underground utilities marked.

### Installation

1. Dig a hole at least 20 inches wider than the root ball's diameter.
2. The depth of the hole should be 4 inches less than the depth of the root ball. This will ensure the high planting needed for heavy soil sites. (Root ball height is the distance between the root flare and the base of the root ball. If necessary, remove excess soil from the top of the root ball to find the flare.)
3. The bottom of the hole should be firmly tamped so the tree does not settle. The sides of the hole should be "roughed up" rather than smooth.
4. Before planting, prune the tree to remove any dead or broken branches.
5. Use a sharp knife to cut away the pot. Rough up the roots to break them from their circling pattern. If circling roots are heavy, cut 1 inch deep into the root ball. Do this in a line down three sides of the ball.
6. Place the tree in the hole and check for straightness. View from two directions.
7. Amend the original soil by blending one-part good quality top soil with one-part original soil. Then fill the hole halfway using the amended soil. Add slow release fertilizer, if desired, then tamp the soil using your foot.
8. Add more amended soil, and tamp with your foot to form a surface that slopes away from the trunk. Create a firmly tamped saucer as shown.
9. Water thoroughly by filling the saucer several times. Add soil if settling occurs.
10. Add a layer of mulch to hide the saucer, keeping mulch away from the trunk.
11. If staking is necessary, refer to our "Staking a Potted Tree" instructions, found on [www.bachmanslandscaping.com](http://www.bachmanslandscaping.com).



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