



**Oak Prairie Nursery & Estates**  
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#### B&B (Balled & Burlapped) Installation

1. Grab a friend
2. Measure the root ball **twice**. Dig a hole **once** that is wider than the root ball, but shallow enough so that the top of the ball will sit about 3" above ground level. It is best if the ball is sitting on firm ground so that the tree does not settle. (If the hole is too shallow or too deep, the tree is twice as heavy when you take it out to re dig)
3. Fill the hole  $\frac{1}{2}$  full of water (after you are very sure the hole is the right depth. Wet soil is very heavy) If the tree has a wire basket **DO NOT REMOVE THE BASKET**; however, if it bothers you, you can cut away sections of the basket once the tree is in the hole. We caution you to be as careful as possible, though, because any damage to the root ball can severely affect the life of your tree.
4. If you have a deciduous tree, take the twine off the top branches now. If you have a conifer, wait until later. Carefully roll the root ball into the hole. Straighten your tree at this point, **BEFORE** you go to the next step. You now have the hard part done!!
5. Before back filling your hole with soil, remove **ALL TWINE OR STRING** holding the wire basket onto the tree. You can cut away any portions of burlap that you see, but understand that our burlap is designed to disintegrate quite rapidly.
6. Back fill the bottom portion of the hole so that the tree will not tip over. Finish back filling the hole with the soil you dug out. If you wish you can mix in an amending soil at this time. Do not completely replace the natural soil. Use a spade to push in around the tree to remove all air pockets and tamp tight. Adding water at this time will help remove all pockets and allow you to tamp the soil in tighter. This would also be a good time to add Fertlome root starter with your water. Take off the twine from the top of the ball and remove the pins and cut the burlap from the top of the ball.
7. Mulch the tree with at least a 2'-4' diameter circle that is around 1"-3" deep.
8. We recommend that you stake your tree for at least a year.
9. Sit down and admire your work. You did well!