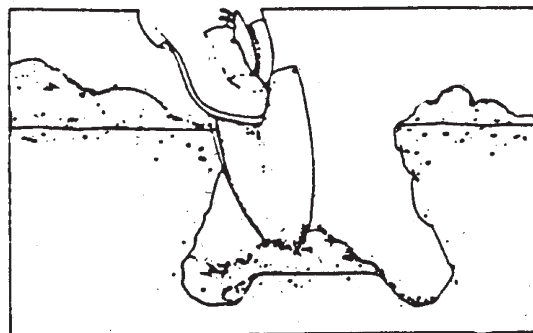
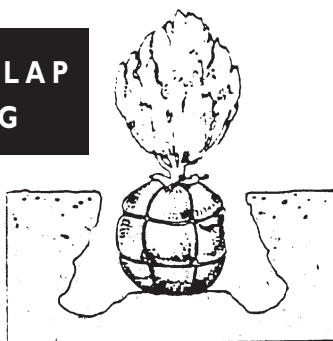


How to Plant a Shrub or Tree

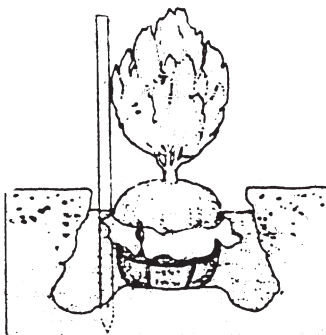
All tree and shrub planting begins with digging a hole. Dig it so the sides taper outward into the soil and are roughened, not smoothly sculpted, (use a spading fork to dig, or to roughen shovel-dug sides). This lets roots penetrate more easily into surrounding soil. To prevent or minimize settling of the plant after planting and watering, make the hole a bit shallower than root ball or root system of the plant it will receive, then dig deeper around edges of the holes bottom. This leaves a firm "plateau" of undug soil to support plant at proper depth.



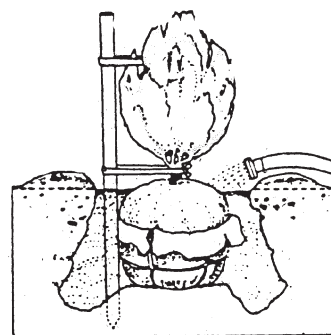
BALL & BURLAP PLANTING



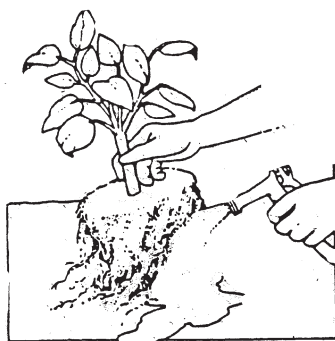
1. Set ball and burlap plant into planting hole, placing root ball on firm plateau of undug soil; top of root ball then should be about 2 inches above surrounding soil.



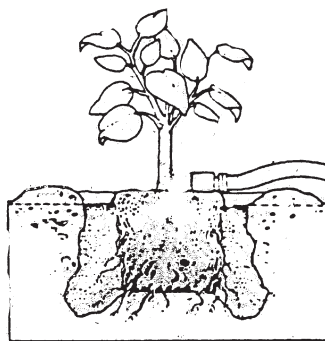
2. Untie burlap and spread it out to uncover about half of root ball. Drive in stake alongside root ball before hole is filled.



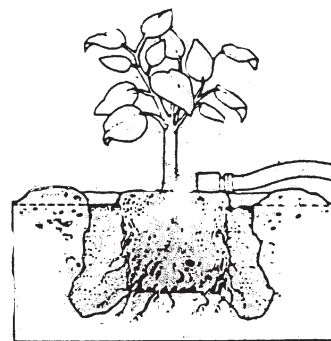
3. After firming in backside soil, create watering moat as described for container planting. Gently water in plant, then loosely tie plant to stake.



1. Roots of container plants may have become coiled or matted. Spray soil off the outer few inches of root ball, uncoil circling or twisted roots.



2. Spread roots out over firm plateau of soil, then add unamended backfill soil. Top of root ball should be about 2 inches above surrounding soil.



3. Make berm of soil to form watering moat. Irrigate gently—water should remain in moat rather than flood basin; objective is to keep trunk base dry.

