



Helpful Information About Tree Planting

- When you plant a lawn tree, mulch a ten-foot area around the tree. This will help develop a healthy root system. The tree will grow much more quickly because it won't have to compete with grass roots. Furthermore, use a weed barrier that breathes. *Plastics really do a great job, however it restricts water flow to the roots.*
- When deciding where to plant your lawn trees, consider the location of your utilities. If you plant a tree over a gas, water, underground electrical, or underground cable line that has to be repaired in a few years, you will have a big problem.
- Planting a tree so that it shades your air-conditioning unit could help reduce summer cooling costs.
- The planting hole should be saucer-shaped and at least **twice** as wide as the root ball, even wider if possible.
- Plant so that **one-third** of the tree's root ball will rest above soil level. Remember you want to plant the tree not bury it.
- When it comes to watering, ideally, use a hose and let the water flow slowly for up to a half-hour or so, moving the hose around the root ball if necessary to ensure even watering.
- Place mulch around the tree. We recommend only cover up the disturbed soil. Do not mound the mulch around the trunk of the tree because this will cause rot around this area and which could lead to disease and pest problems.
- Make sure to regularly water your tree. More so if planted during very hot and humid weather.