

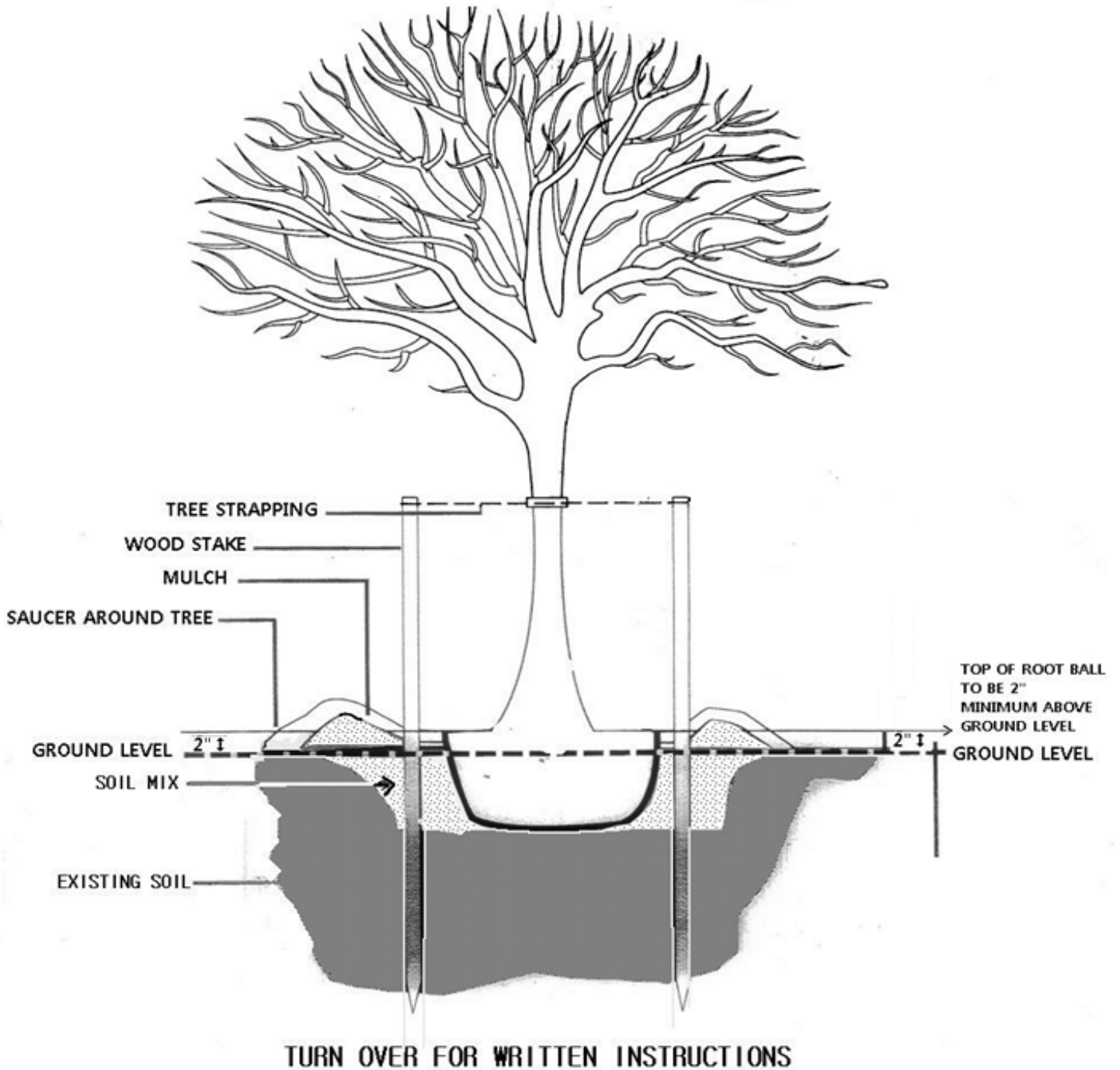


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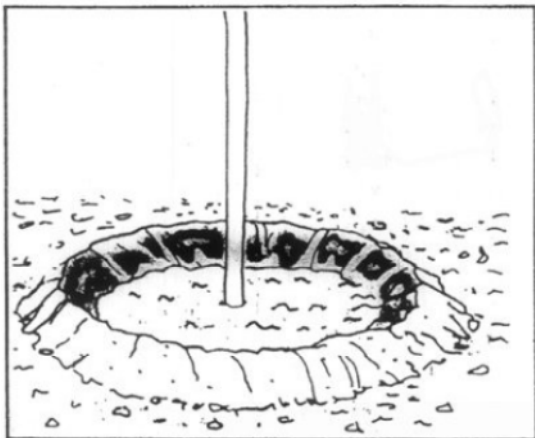
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TREE PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Dig the hole twice as wide and only as deep to allow the root ball to be 2" above ground level. Deeper digging results in loose soil under the rootball causing it to settle too deeply into the hole later.
2. Remove the tree from container, keeping the rootball intact. You may add organic fertilizer into the planting hole at this time. Set the rootball in the hole so that the top of the rootball is 2" above ground level
3. Mix humus, or decomposed mulch, thoroughly into soil that was dug from hole. Press the mixture around sides of rootball, eliminating all air pockets, and add mulch so that it will be even with rootball.
4. Build a temporary water basin around the tree to allow easy and thorough watering the first year (see diagrams below and on first page).



5. 15-gallon trees and up should be staked (see diagram on first page).
6. Water thoroughly using a mixture of water and Carl Pool root activator. Use root activator mixture monthly for the first year.
7. To keep your tree healthy, please refer to our First Year Tree Care sheet.

NEW TREE CARE

The loss rate of trees planted by RCW Nurseries staff is very low. The following recommendations are suggested to keep your tree healthy.

- ❖ **WATHER THOUGHLY!** And monitor soil moisture especially during the hot dry summer months.
- ❖ **DO NOT** let the roots to constantly sit in water. The soil in the planting hole needs to drain so that the roots can get oxygen.
- ❖ **DO NOT** use a "root feeder" to water or feed your tree.
- ❖ **DO NOT** put dry fertilizer around your tree the first year, especially lawn fertilizer. You may apply an organic root activator or water soluble fertilizer around the tree monthly. Begin fertilizing your tree in the second year.
- ❖ **DO NOT** use any kind of weed killer around your new tree! And yes, that includes a Weed and Feed product.
- ❖ **DO NOT** put additional soil against the trunk of the tree.
- ❖ **DO NOT** plant annuals around the tree in the first year.
- ❖ **DO NOT** allow children or pets to put their weight on or against the new tree as this can damage developing roots.
- ❖ **Be cautious** when using a grass string trimmer or weed eater/whacker around a new tree as it will girdle the trunk if it touches the tree.
- ❖ **Do not** remove burlap from ball and burlapped trees.



*A tree is a very special thing. It provides shade, beauty and privacy.
Follow the above instructions so that you will enjoy your tree to its fullest.*

THANK YOU!