1. **Hole Width**: Dig a hole about 2 to 3 times wider than the tree container (depending on the space available).

2. **Hole depth**: The hole depth should allow the root collar to be 1 to 2 inches above the surrounding soil to allow for settlement.

3. **Build a berm** (of compost/mulch if available) four inches tall around the top of the root collar and compact berm. Keep compost/mulch 6 inches away from tree trunk.

4. **Back fill the hole** with half native soil and half compost/mulch (if available). If no compost/mulch is available, backfill entire hole with the native soil.

5. **Water** the tree immediately after planting.