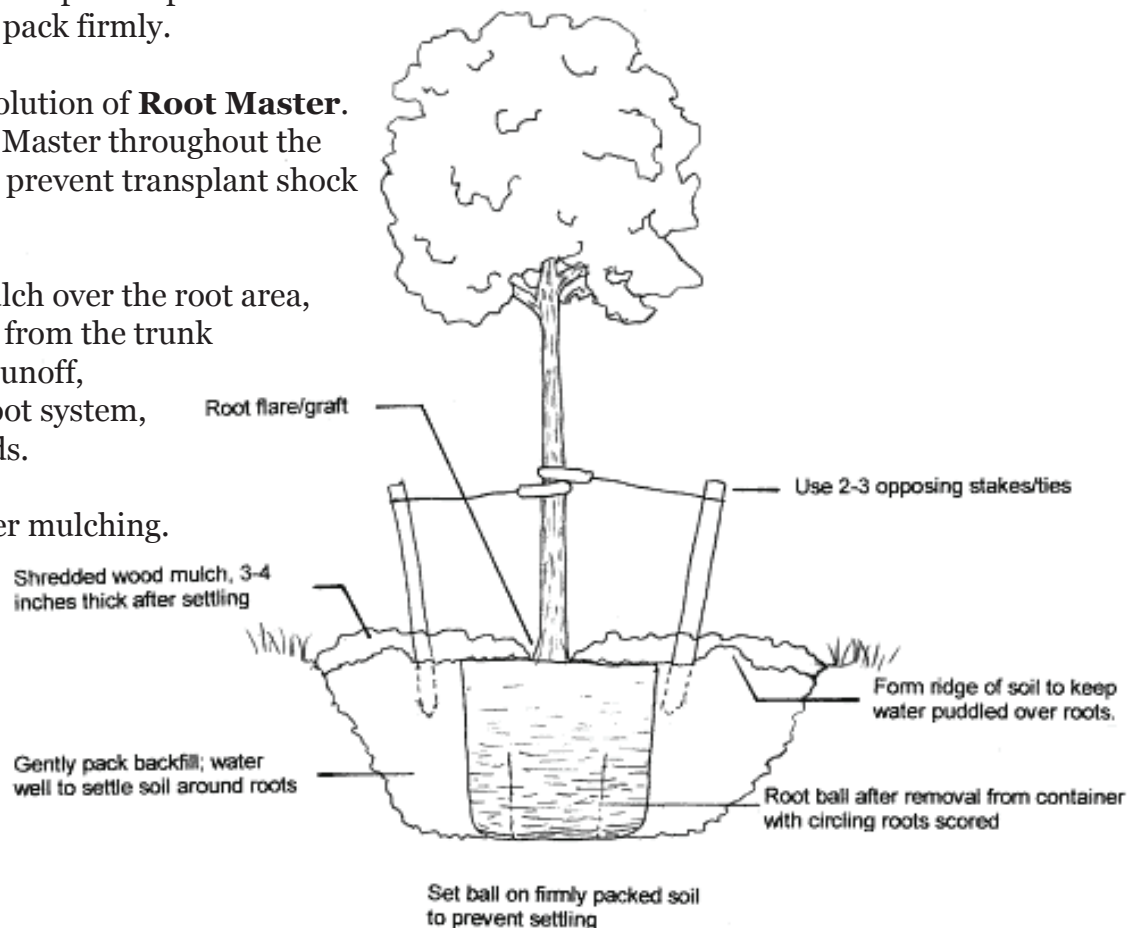


Planting Trees & Shrubs

1. Dig a hole twice the width of the root ball but no deeper than the height of the ball or container. The plant should be planted slightly higher than it is growing right now. The sides of the hole should be rough and slope outward. Save the soil you remove.
2. Add organic material, such as **Bumper Crop**, in a ratio of 1/4 organic material to 3/4 existing soil you removed from the hole. Add 1 cup of **Espoma Bio-tone** with the new soil mix.
3. Remove the plant from the container and spread the roots. Never leave the roots in a circular pattern when planted. Disrupt the circling pattern by cutting 4 evenly spaced slits from top to bottom 1/4 - 1/2 inch deep into the root system around the root ball. Trees tied in burlap should have the strings cut and the burlap dropped below the soil line before repacking soil in hole.
4. Fill in soil mix (containing Bumper Crop and Bio-tone) around roots and pack firmly.
5. Soak well with a watering solution of **Root Master**. We recommend using Root Master throughout the first growing season to help prevent transplant shock and stimulate root growth.
6. Add a 2 - 3 inch layer of mulch over the root area, keeping it 4 - 5 inches away from the trunk of the plant. This prevents runoff, concentrates water to the root system, and also helps prevent weeds.
7. Water again thoroughly after mulching.
8. Stake loosely, if necessary.
9. Enjoy your plant!



Johnson's guarantees trees and shrubs, that are planted in the ground, for two years. A three year guarantee is given with the purchase and use, when planting, of Bumper Crop, Bio-tone, and Root Master. Please see the guarantee provided at the time of sale for details. The guarantee and receipt are necessary for any return or replacement.

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