

# HOW TO PLANT A TREE

## 1 TREE SELECTION

- Choose trees that are adapted to our climate
- Avoid planting under utility lines. If you must plant under lines, select trees that mature at 20 ft. tall or less



## 2 DIGGING THE HOLE

- Dig a hole twice the width of the container and the same depth as the potting soil in the container
- Planting too shallow causes the tree to die from drought
- Planting too deep results in death from low oxygen to the roots or death from girdling as the tree matures



## 3 STAKING THE TREE

- Set the stake before setting the tree (One stake is sufficient for small trees)
- Drive the stake at an angle facing into the summer wind. We suggest pointing the stake to the southwest.
- The stake will reduce the breaking loose of roots in the soil from windy conditions.

## 4 PLANTING THE TREE

- Set the tree in the hole at the same depth that it grew in the container
- Using the soil that was dug from the hole, put it back around the root ball and firm the soil with your foot, or lightly tamp with a tree stake
- Firming the soil around the roots will get rid of air pockets and will result in better survivability and growth
- Use excess soil to make a water ring around the outside of the planting hole. This will help to hold water near the rootball
- Tie the tree to the stake at 1-2 feet from the ground - Wrap a fabric band around the tree and attach it to the stake (Do not use wire around the trunk)
- Remove the stake and the tie material after one year of growth

