



# Brokaw Nursery LLC

## PLANTING RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Build berms or mounds at least 18” tall and 36” wide.
2. Dig a hole roughly 16” wide and 14” deep in center of berm or mound.
3. Water the hole before planting and let the soil dry out – don’t plant in mud.
4. Compact soil in bottom of the hole with the foot to eliminate air pockets.
5. Handle the trees with care, supporting the bottom of the pot, not the stems.
6. Do not lay the tree on its side at any time.
7. Place the tree in the hole and adjust depth so upper surface of nursery substrate is slightly higher than soil because it will settle.
8. Carefully cut and remove plastic sleeve – be careful not to cut roots.
9. Center the tree in the hole.
10. Fill hole ½ way with loose soil and gently compact to eliminate air pockets.
11. Place stake in the hole outside of root ball on windward side and drive down roughly 24”.
12. Finish filling the hole with loose soil and gently compact to eliminate air pockets.
13. Be sure the upper surface of the nursery substrate remains slightly higher than the soil to accommodate for settling.
14. Tie trunk to stake with flexible tie tape.
15. Place irrigation to ensure root ball is watered. Place drippers on top of root ball or place sprinklers off to the side of the root ball.
16. Water the newly planted tree as soon as possible and schedule regular irrigation as needed.
17. Initiate fertilization plan.
18. If painting the trunks and branches, use a white water-based solution and avoid painting the leaves.
19. If mulching, clean coarse mulch is recommended no more than 3” deep and placed around the tree but not touching the stem.