

4" AND LARGER CALIPER TREE PLANTING

UNDER 4" CALIPER TREE PLANTING WITH UNDERGROUND BRACING

GENERAL NOTES:

- 1. All dimensions 6" and less are exaggerated for illustrative purposes only.
- 2. Plant containers shall be removed prior to planting. If plants are not container grown, remove a minimum of the top $\frac{1}{3}$ of burlap, fabric, or wire mesh. Never lift or handle the tree by the trunk.
- 3. The uppermost root on all trees shall be covered by less than 1" of soil. Use hand tools to carefully remove all excess soil. The top of root ball shall be set 1"-2" above finish grade after settling and set plumb to the horizon. If planting pit is too deep, remove the tree and firmly pack additional soil in the bottom of the planting pit to raise the rootball. After positioning the tree in the planting pit, slice through rootballs with 3 or 4 vertical slices (top to bottom) equally distributed around the tree.
- 4. Backfill shall be loosened existing soil. Remove rocks, sticks, or other deleterious material greater than 1" in any direction prior to backfilling. Water and tamp to remove air pockets. If existing soils contain excessive sand, clay, or other material not conducive to proper plant growth, contact Engineer prior to planting.
- 5. Soil rings shall be constructed of existing soil at the outer edge of the planting pit, with a height of 3" and gently sloping sides. Do not pile soil on top of rootball.

- 6. Mulch shall be a 3" deep layer placed 2" off the edge of the trunk flare, around the base of shrub, or solidly around groundcover. Never pile mulch against the tree trunk.
- 7. Straps shall be minimum 1" wide nylon or polypropylene. Check straps monthly and adjust as required to eliminate girdling of tree. All wood stakes or anchors shall be located beyond the edge of soil ring in undisturbed soil and located below finished grade, unless otherwise specified.
- 8. Sabal Palms may be hurricane cut. All other palms must have fronds tied with biodegradable twine. Palm trunks shall have no burn marks, scars, or sanding.
- 9. All dimensions provided for wood materials are nominal.
- 10. When a permanent, subsurface, or drip irrigation system is provided, a soil ring is not required. Mulch to edge of planting pit.
- 11. Alternate tree bracing and guying systems specified or approved by the Engineer may be used in lieu of the tree bracing and guying methods detailed on the Index.
- 12. Remove above ground guying systems at the end of the establishment period.

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