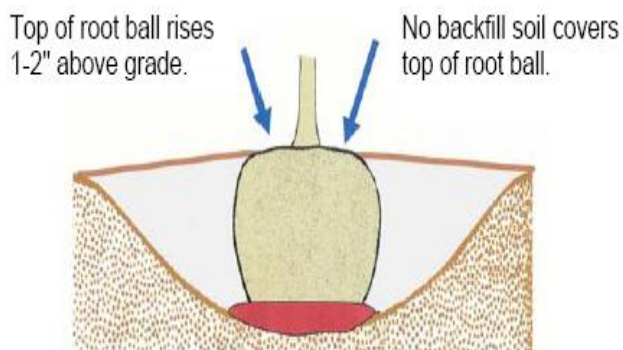


## Planting Trees, Shrubs, Perennials & Annuals

1. Dig your hole 2-3 times the width of your root ball, but no deeper. Root ball should sit about 1-2" above grade. Check hole size with plant still in pot.
2. Remove plant from container by turning plant and pot upside down or cutting away pot. Do not try to tug and yank plant out of pot.
3. Slice or score 3" into the root ball of trees and shrubs and pull root bound perennial and flower roots apart to encourage new root growth and discourage circling and girdling roots.
4. Wet root ball with a mixture of **Ferti-Lome Root Stimulator** and water, coat root ball with **Myke** powder. Use 2 cups for shrub and 4-6 cups for trees. This will ensure fast development of healthy roots.
5. Place plant in hole, make sure top of the root ball is slightly above grade (see picture below). Never plant root ball below grade!
6. Mix 1/3 **Cotton Ball Compost** or **Ferti-Lome Peat Moss** to 2/3 soil that you dug out of the hole. If creating a whole new planting bed, spread 2"-3" of **Cotton Ball Compost** or **Ferti-Lome Peat Moss** over entire area and till in at least 6" deep
7. Use soil/compost mixture to fill in around plant.
8. Water thoroughly with root stimulator & water mixture. If soil settles below grade, refill and repeat watering. See picture below.
9. Check plant 2x's daily with **Rapitest Moisture Meter** to see if it needs water. Make sure to water at least 2x's per month during the winter

### Planting Check List: Do you have?

1. **Cotton Ball Compost or Ferti-lome peat moss**
2. **Ferti-lome Root Stimulator**
3. **Myke**
4. **Rapitest Moisture Meter**
5. **Shovel, gloves, watering can, hose**



Backfill soil covers the "knees" tapering down to the original soil grade. It is imperative that no soil cover the top of the root ball