



## **Limited Lifetime Tree/shrub Warranty**

Our hardy trees & shrubs are warranted as follows:

- Roses: 6 months from date of purchase.
- Fruiting trees, vines & shrubs: 1 year.
- All other hardy trees & shrubs: Lifetime.

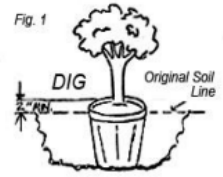
### **Plants NOT warranted:**

- Perennials, annuals & tropicals.
- Plants purchased at a discount for poor quality.
- Plants planted in a container or never planted in the ground.
- Plants affected by insects, disease and/or neglect after they left our store.
- Plants planted with or adjacent to Black Walnut trees.
- Plants brought inside used as Christmas trees.
- Warranty is honored with the return of the dead plant & receipt. Photos in lieu of plant return may be accepted only at the discretion of management.
- No cash refunds. Store credit can be given in lieu of merchandise.
- Replacement plants are not warranted.
- Maximum warranty or store credit is \$350 per specimen.

## **STEPS FOR PLANTING**

**WATER:** Water the plant in the container before removing it from the container.

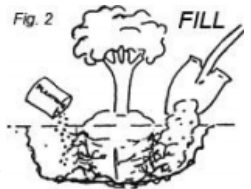
**DIG:** Dig a hole at least 2 to 3 times as wide and not quite as deep as the root ball - WIDE and SHALLOW. (Fig. 1)



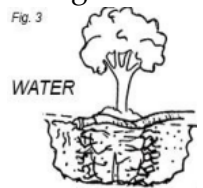
**PREPARE PLANT:** Loosen the root ball after removing from the container by gently pulling or cutting roots apart. The roots will begin to grow better if loosened. **BALLED AND BURLAPPED PLANTS:** Place plant in prepared hole, cut string, and then tuck burlap below soil level.

**SOIL AND FERTILIZE:** Use 1/3 to 1/2 soil

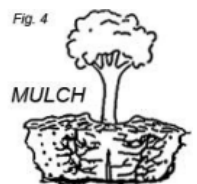
amendments (compost, soil conditioner or Lawn & Garden Mix) with 2/3 to 1/2 of existing native soil dug from hole. Mix in the Espoma Plant-tone® fertilizer and refill hole with soil mix. Most plants should be even with or slightly above the surrounding soil (never below). (Fig. 2)



**WATER:** Water newly-planted Tree/Shrub thoroughly. If settling occurs, add more soil if needed and water again. (Fig. 3)



**MULCH:** The final position of the root ball should be 2-3" above the existing soil line. Mulch with 2-3" of mulch and keep mulch away from the trunk of the plant. Bring additional soil up to the edge of the raised root ball. (Fig. 4)



**\*\* FOR ANY PLANT IN AREAS WHERE SOIL DOES NOT DRAIN WELL: Plant with root ball at least 1/4 out of ground, mounding amended soil up around the sides of the root ball.**

Check for moisture by feeling soil near the plant 3 or 4 times a week. **DO NOT LET ROOT BALLS BECOME DRY.**

**It takes 1-3 years for a plant to become established.**