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Planting B & B trees and Shrubs

-BEFORE YOU DIG CALL JULIE (Joint Utility Locator Service) at
(800) 892-0123 for free location of any underground utilities. (Allow 2 working days.)

-Before planting any tree or shrub, be sure that your planting location provides the proper soil, light and water requirements for the plant you've chosen. Also, because most plants cannot tolerate standing water, you may want to check the drainage of an area before planting anything there. To do this, dig the hole then fill it up with water. If there is still water there 24 hours later, do not plant in that area.

-Dig a planting hole at least 10" wider or two times the width of the root ball. Do not dig deeper than the depth of the root ball.

-Carefully place the tree or shrub in the hole and face it for the best aesthetic view.

-Remove any twine, roping, or plastic, and if the burlap is synthetic, remove that also. Burlap made of natural fibers may be left on, and if the ball has a wire cage around it, that may be left on also. Cut away the top portion of burlap or fold it down into the planting hole.

-Fill in the hole with a mixture of 1/3 mushroom compost, 1/3 peat moss, and 1/3 soil dug out of the hole. Tamp down lightly, but do not compact. Soil should be level with surrounding ground.

-Water the plant. Lay the end of the hose at the base of the plant and allow a medium stream of water to run for about 20 minutes to thoroughly soak it.

-Mulch with 2-3 inches of mulch, spreading it evenly out to the tips of the branches.

-Water thoroughly whenever the soil near the base of the tree or shrub feels dry to the touch.