

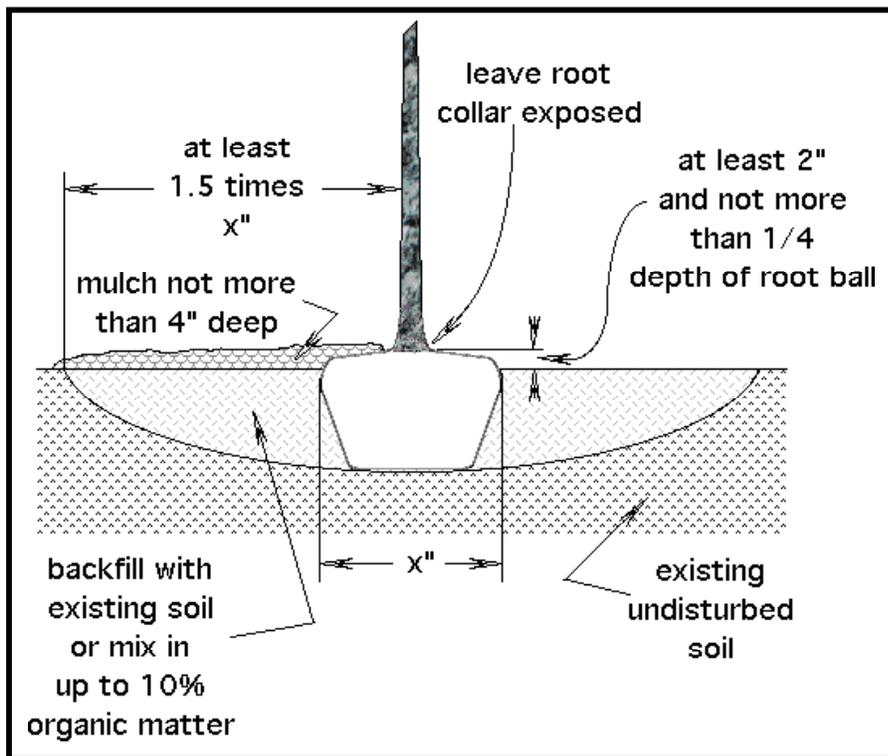
PLANTING SPECIFICATIONS

You are invited to bid on providing and planting the enclosed list of trees and/or shrubs at thus-and-so's location.

All plants shall conform to American Nursery and Landscape Association (ANLA) standards. Trees/shrubs are to be inspected by you before being installed to be sure they are of acceptable form and quality and without significant injuries. They are to be guaranteed for 365 days against normal loss. The project will be inspected after completion to be sure it is done as specified.

Planting shall be done as follows:

- Holes shall be dug at least three times as wide but no deeper than the plant's root ball.
- Wire baskets and burlap shall be removed from the top ten inches of the plant's root ball; all cord or twine shall be removed. Container plants' roots shall be teased out or cut so none is circling the root ball.



- No more than 10% organic matter shall be mixed into the existing soil. Three to four inches of double shredded mulch or Virginia Fines shall be applied to the soil after planting in such a way as not to bury the plant's trunk. The plant's root collar (stem flare) shall be visible above the soil line and the mulch. The plant's root

collar shall be the highest point between the plant and the surrounding lawn or bed area (i.e., no donuts). The finished planting circle shall be neatly edged unless in a bed.

- Trees shall be staked as necessary to provide support to keep the tree upright, but staking shall be done in a way that allows some movement of the tree trunk. Tree tie or straps may be used, but hose-covered wire shall not be used.
- Each plant shall be thoroughly watered after planting.
- Each plant shall be guaranteed for 365 days from date of acceptance.

