Use of staking and guying is not recommended unless trees will be planted in areas subject to sustained wind, vandalism, or a high level of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. All staking and guying materials should be removed within six months to one year.

See Department of Permitting Services Staking and Guying Detail for more information.

Trees shall meet all requirements for plant materials in ANSI Z60.1 (American Standard for Nursery Stock).

Install tree guard to protect trunk from sun, mowing equipment, string trimmers, and animals. Remove before trunk becomes constricted.

Apply maximum of 2-3 inches of shredded wood mulch. DO NOT place any mulch within 3 inches of tree trunk.

Remove basket wire, plastic, rope, twine and burlap from top half or more of root ball. Circling roots should be loosened, spread out or removed if necessary.

Use original soil for backfill. Do not add soil amendments unless needed to improve drainage, soil structure, or water-holding capacity. Do not add fertilizer or nutrients unless need is indicated by soil test.

Slope sides of planting hole and breakup glazed surfaces on slopes.

Leave soil at base of planting hole undisturbed to avoid over-settlement of rootball.

Planting hole width should equal 2 to 3 x width of rootball.

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