

- 1. Dig a hole that is the <u>same Depth as the root ball</u>, so that the root flare will be visible above the soil. The hole should be double the width of the root ball.
- 2. Do not remove the wire basket or burlap from the root ball before placing in the hole.
- 3. Once the tree is positioned, you can trim off the twine and top one-third of the basket.
- 4. Backfill halfway with original soil and water in thoroughly.
- 5. Backfill the rest of the original soil and water in thoroughly.
- 6. **Create a saucer of dirt around the planting site** forming a moat that keeps water near the root ball, rather than running off. Water the tree slowly and deeply.
- 7. Follow the 'Watering Guide' instructions, being sure that the root ball is saturated at least 2 times per week.
- 8. Add mulch around the planting area so it is 2" deep. Keep the mulch 3" away from trunk.
- 9. Please call with any questions or concerns: Hopkinton Stone & Garden, Inc. 508-435-7376