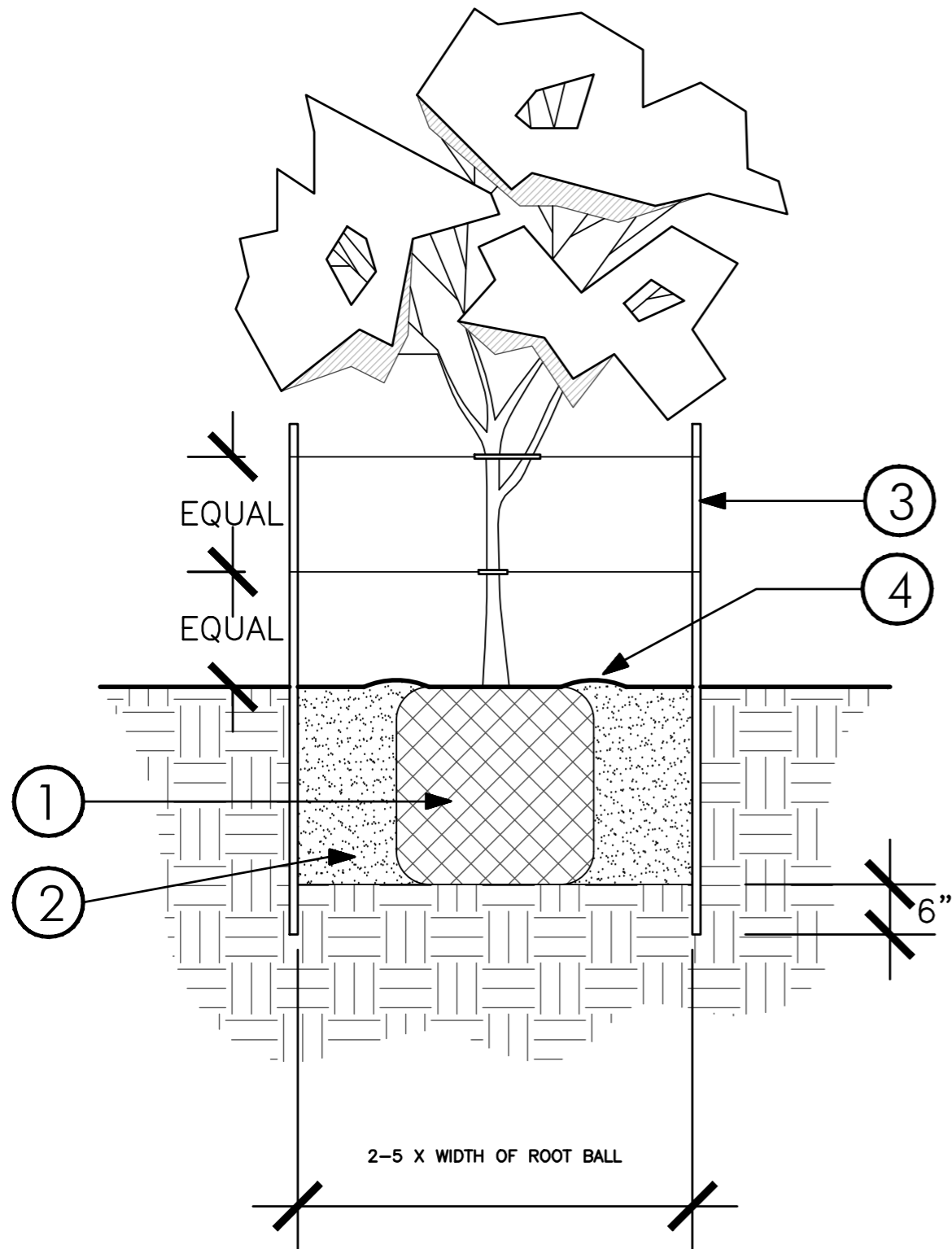


Planting Guideline



- 1) Inspect planting location
 - a. Above ground – do not install tree if at maturity, there will be less than several feet from adjacent structures, overhead utilities.
 - b. Underground – locate all underground utilities and do not install tree if roots at maturity will encroach utilities
 - c. Planting area – provide minimum one (1) foot in all directions from tree trunk for each one (1) inch of tree caliper at maturity.
- 2) Dig hole at least two (2) times the width of the root ball & no deeper than height of root ball
- 3) Fill planting pit with water and allow it to drain overnight
- 4) Do not plant tree if the water has not drained away overnight
- 5) Loosen vertical surfaces of plant pit and remove excess soil
- 6) Remove bottom of nursery container
- 7) Place tree in planting pit on undisturbed soil surface
- 8) Make sure rootball crown / trunk flare / tree collar / graft union is slightly above final soil level.
- 9) Position tree to be plumb and rotate for best appearance from primary viewpoint(s)
- 10) Remove remainder of nursery container
- 11) Loosen surface of rootball & prune all circling roots
- 12) Fill planting pit with soil excavated from the plant pit, remove all rocks & debris greater than 1" dia. Do not add any soil amendment or fertilizer.
- 13) Settle soil in plant pit by filling plant pit with water from a hose
- 14) Recheck tree to be plumb and adjust as necessary
- 15) Refill plant pit with water two (2) times
- 16) Remove nursery stake & ties.
- 17) Prune only dead, broken or damaged branches.
- 18) Properly install guying / staking for all trees in nursery containers larger than 15 gallon, place all anchors / stakes in undisturbed soil
- 19) Form four – six (4-6) inch deep soil saucer around outward edge of plant pit
- 20) Optional – place two (2) – three (3) inch layer of mulch (organic or inorganic) in soil saucer.
- 21) Follow-up care:
 - a. Provide follow-up waterings appropriate for tree species, soil type and sun orientation.
 - b. If tree is located in turfgrass, keep all grass away from trunk a minimum of six (6) inches.
 - c. Schedule a certified arborist to inspect & prune tree twice a year for the first several years after planting, then annually.
 - d. Remove all guying & staking six (6) to twelve (12) months after planting.