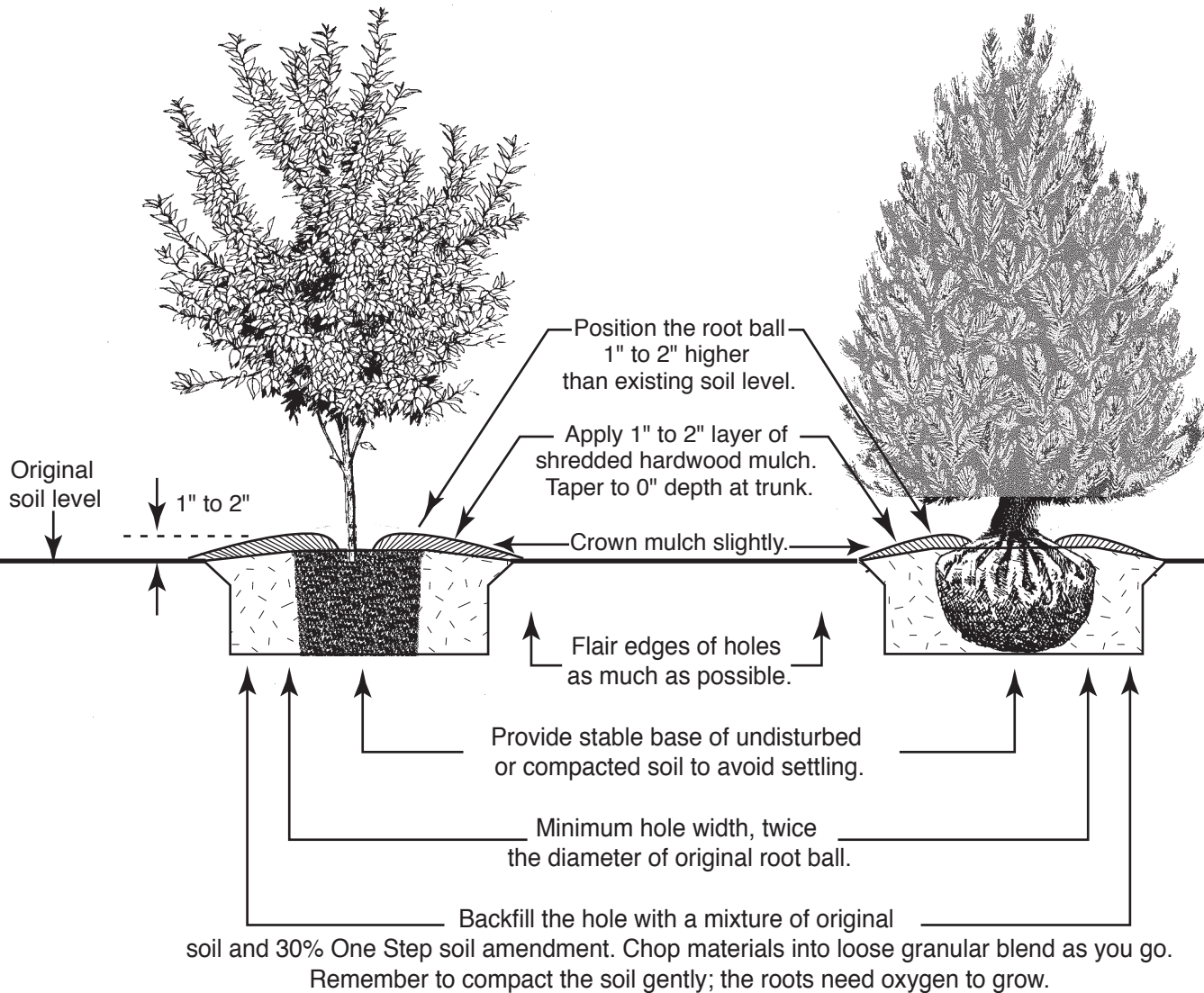


# Planting Detail



## Final Steps After Back Filling

Spread mulch around the base of the plant and water thoroughly. Avoid putting mulch against trunk.  
(See Platt Hill Nursery watering guide on the back of this sheet)

## Special Note:

For potted plants, remove pot and loosen up any circling roots from the root ball using a sharp knife or your hands. This will encourage the roots to expand into the surrounding soil instead of continuing to grow in a circle which can strangle the plant. **Caution:** work quickly, do not allow roots to dry out after being removed from the pot.

For ball and burlap (B&B) material, after positioning the root ball in the hole, cut and remove any rope from the top of the root ball. Do not remove burlap. Any exposed burlap or rope on the surface can act as a wick and pull moisture away from the plant's roots. There is no need to remove any wire basket.

## Helpful Hints:

- Use a yard stick or shovel handle to help measure the depth of the root ball and depth of the hole.
- Do not plant too deep. If you bury the main stem or trunk of the plant, it will rot and the plant will not grow.
  - Water only at the very end, no reason to work in the mud.
- Avoid drowning the roots, only water thoroughly again when soil surrounding the rootball begins to dry out.