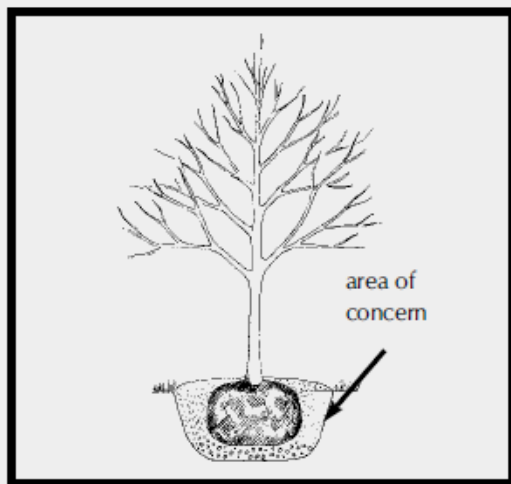


LCN Staff Tips—Tree Planting Techniques



OLD METHOD

Soil shrinks away from the ball hole in dry weather, allowing air to enter the planting hole and dry out the root ball.

NEW METHOD for planting trees in tree lawns and open areas. We have found this method to be very effective in preventing the tree root ball from drying out during periods of extreme arid weather conditions.

VERY IMPORTANT: Incorporate a mulch shelf that is 6" wide by 4" deep into the planting hole to protect the root ball from exposure to drying air (see diagram).

The mulch shelf protects the roots from air exposure, preventing the root ball from losing excessive moisture.

In heavy clay soils place the root ball on a mound of washed river aggregate stone (see diagram). The depth of the stone will depend on the soil density, in heavier soils incorporate more stone.

During periods of dry weather apply 1" of water to newly planted trees per week. This equals 1 gallon of water per square foot of soil surface.

