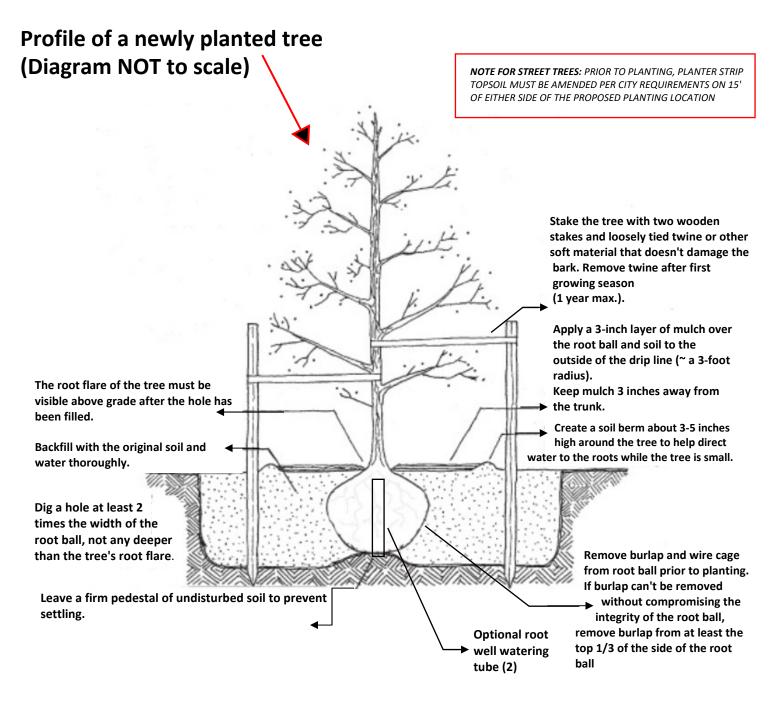
## TREE STANDARD PLANTING DETAIL



- Please water your trees regularly for the first 2 to 3 years. During the summer dry season (roughly May to October), deep-root watering is recommended. Begin with 15 gallons of water per tree per week and adjust as needed. During the remaining months of the year, monitor the root zone for dryness and water as needed. Good watering practices will promote vigorous growth, ensure well-formed root development, and help produce a beautiful tree for years to come.
- Make sure stakes are placed at the edge of the mulch pile and are pounded securely into the ground so they cannot be easily pulled out. Loosely tie the tree to the stakes with twine or another flexible material. The ties should be located no higher than 2/3 the height of the tree. The tree should be able to sway in the wind, which helps establish strong support roots and trunk. Check the twine periodically to make sure there is room for the tree to grow and the twine is not damaging the trunk. Remove the twine immediately if there are signs of damage on the trunk. Do not leave trees staked for more than one year or the tree may not develop its own proper support structure.
- Reapply mulch as necessary to maintain a 3-inch depth. Keep weeds and grass from growing in the mulch area to reduce competition for water and nutrients.
- Remove any twine, tape, or tags from the tree's trunk and branches prior to planting.