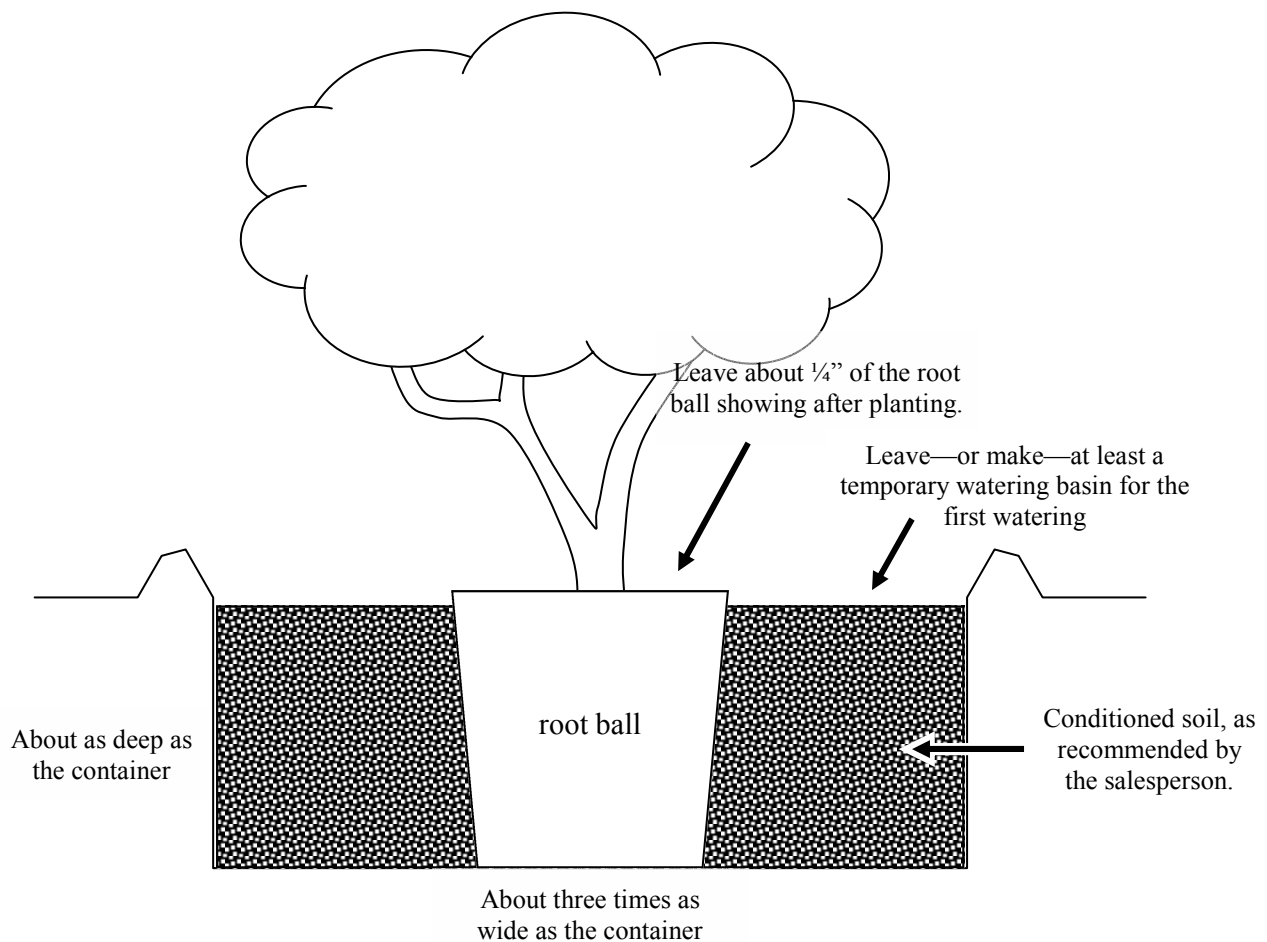


# Basic Planting

So many methods and techniques are unique to each kind of plant and each season of the year, but many of the things to be done in planting are the same forever. Here are some tips to get the maximum success from your gardening purchase!



The first watering should be very deep, to collapse any air pockets, and thoroughly soak the soil around the roots. As a rule of thumb, give the plant about 7 gallons of water for every number of container size. For instance: a #1 plant would get 7 gallons, a #5 plant would get 35 gallons, etc. The end of the first watering is a good time to add a root stimulator—such as Superthrive—to keep the plant from going into shock. Watering for the first few weeks should be pretty frequent (every day, or every other day, except for cactus and a few other plants). Later waterings should *gradually* decrease in frequency and increase in amount, to avoid problems with salt buildup or fungus in the future. Ask your salesperson for details!