

# 6 STEPS to PLANTING A SEEDLING



**#1** Do your best to keep the cluster of roots moist right up to the moment you put them into the ground.



**#2** Select a location and dig a hole twice as wide and slightly deeper than the length of the seedling's roots.

**#3** If you are not able to dig a hole deep enough to accommodate the length of the roots you may trim them but no less than 8 inches or no shorter than equal to the seedling's above ground height.

**#4** Place the roots of the seedling into the hole. The top of the first roots should be slightly below the surface level of the ground (**A**). Spread out the roots to make sure they are able to hang straight (**B**). You do not want any of the roots to be curled over at the bottom of your hole.



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**#5** Fill dirt back into the hole to just slightly above the top of the first root on your seedling (**C**). Compact the newly filled soil around the seedling with your foot to remove air pockets beneath the surface.

**#6** Saturate the entire area with a good soaking of water (**D**). If possible, place a ring of mulch around the seedling. (Not touching the trunk)

