



Watering new plants:

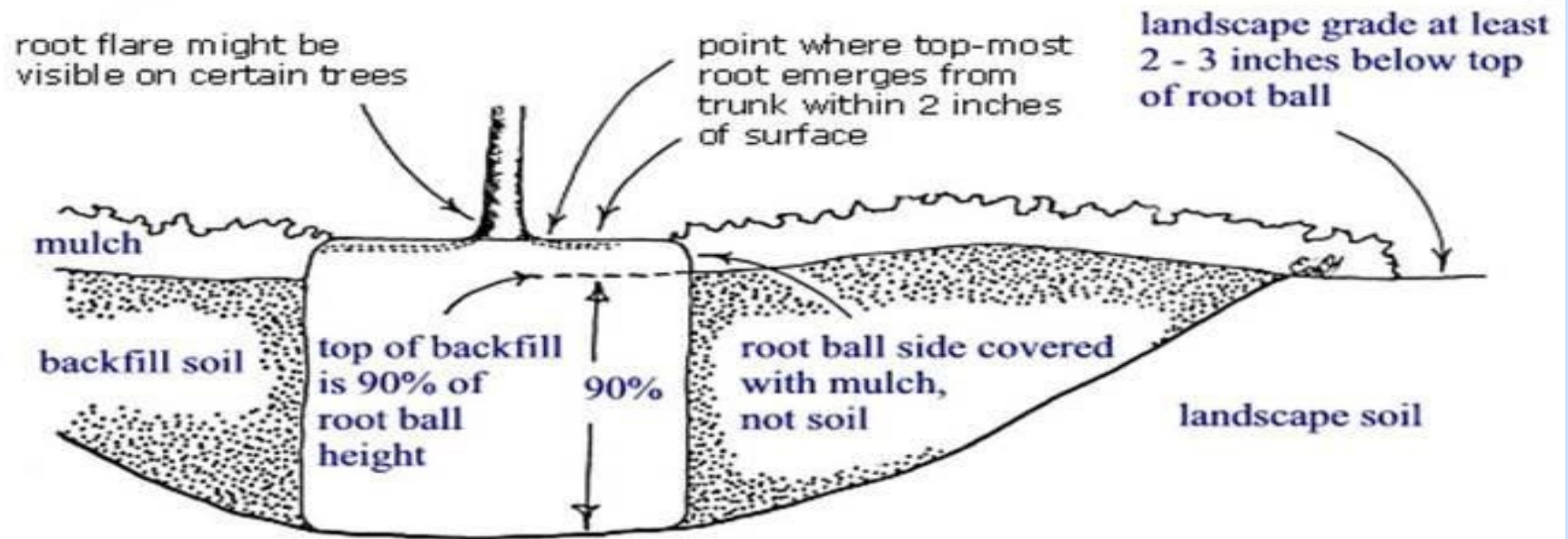
Be sure they don't dry out! Water shrubs consistently for the first three to four weeks after they are planted. A deep slow soaking 2 times a week for the first 2-4 weeks is recommended. After the first four weeks, water one time a week making sure that you give it a deep, slow, soaking. Deep but infrequent watering will encourage a deep root system, which provides a better chance of surviving prolonged periods without water. A little water everyday is not good!!! Remember to water during periods of little or no rain.

Apply mulch. We recommend a 2-inch-deep layer of mulch applied once a year. It will keep the soil cool and moist, and will reduce weeds.

A Guide to Planting Trees and Shrubs in clay soil.



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Whether planting trees or shrubs it is important NOT to plant too deeply! As shown above, plant so that the new plant sits 1-2" above the surrounding soil level. Dig your hole wider than the existing root ball and backfill with the loosened soil. The back fill can be a mixture of 1/3 compost or potting soil and 2/3 existing soil. After planting; mulch around your new plant. Never cover the trunk with mulch. Stake trees to prevent their roots from being disturbed by heavy winds. You can remove the stakes after one year.