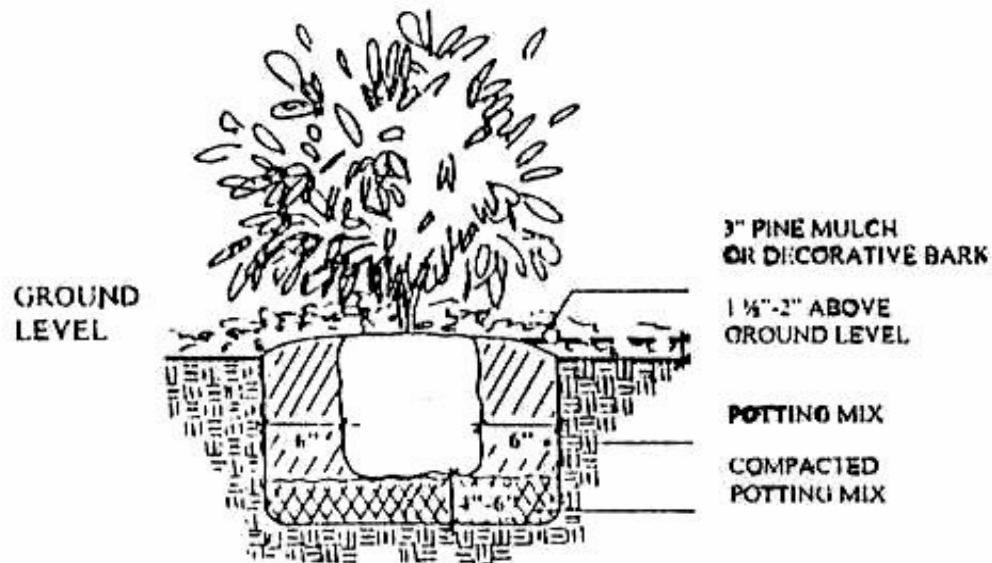


## SHRUB PLANTING

### Planting:

- Dig hole according to diagram below.
- Place Tree and Shrub Plant Food in the bottom of the planting hole according to manufacturer's recommendations. Cover with a thin layer of soil.
- Remove shrub from container as carefully as possible. If you find the plant to be root bound, cut the root ball in 3 to 5 places, vertically, ½" deep, with a sharp knife.
- Backfill around the plant with Organic mix. Water thoroughly.
- Apply *Root Stimulator* according to manufacturer's recommendations after planting. Repeat once a week for 4 to 6 weeks.



**Pruning:** The best time to prune your shrubs is in late winter or early spring, before new growth begins. Remove all dead and diseased wood. This is also the time to prune your shrubs to create or maintain a certain size or shape.

**Fertilizing:** Apply *Tree & Shrub Food* or *Evergreen Food* beginning the middle of March and continue every 4 to 6 weeks until the middle of September. It is important to be cautious when fertilizing in July and August due to extreme heat. Water thoroughly once a day for three days in the early morning. Apply on top of the mulch according to manufacturer's instructions and water thoroughly. For the first season after planting, apply at half strength. If you notice anything unusual about your shrubs or its foliage be sure to bring a cutting to the nursery. Our trained staff will be happy to provide you with solutions.

Apply Iron supplement at three-month intervals according to the manufacturer's recommendations. This should be done in addition to the regular feedings.

**Spraying:** Apply dormant oil Spray in January or February according to manufacturer's recommendations.

**CAUTION:** Do not apply if the temperature is to exceed 85° or drop below 40°. Apply Mal-A-Cide every 4 to 6 weeks between April until September according to manufacturer's instructions.

**Watering:** Most shrubs are shallow rooted plants therefore must be watered more frequently. Be sure to monitor your drainage to prevent water from collecting and causing root rot. Do not forget to consider the weather when determining your water application. Unless temperatures exceed 85°, two to three watering a week should be sufficient.