

PERTAINING TO PLANTING OF TREES (BS 8545:2014

On delivery - Root balled trees:

Check that the root ball is intact.

Check that the root flare is clearly visible at the top of the actual root Any mounding of soil (which might or might not contain fine root) abc

the root flare should be removed.

Check that the root ball has not dried out during transport and storag and take remedial action if necessary prior to planting.

If there is wire or rope circling the main stem to secure the root ball c

ensure that it is removed prior to planting.

On delivery - Containerised trees:

Remove the container prior to planting.

Fibrous roots in containers should hold the compost ball together one the container is removed. If the compost ball falls apart the tree should be rejected as there has been inadequate root development.

Ensure that any fibrous root growth or excess compost above the root flare is removed and that the root flare is clearly visible prior to planti

Shave off any minor roots that are showing evidence of circling. (Tree with major circling roots should be rejected on delivery.)

Ensure that the container compost is moist at planting. Trees with ma damage, whether above or below ground, should be rejected

Planting:

10.2.5 The backfill medium used should be as close as possible in texture and structure to the soil excavated from the tree pit. Ideally the soil dug from the excavated pit should be used as the backfill mediur

10.2.6 All backfill applied should, as far as is practicable, replicate the horizons within the original soil profile.

10.2.7 Topsoil should not be used below the depth of the original top layer.

Guying: 10.3.2 All systems should allow for canopy and stem movement as lo down a tree as practically possible, whilst supporting the structural function of the root system.

10.3.3 Before a young tree is planted, all tree stakes used should be driven into the ground to a sufficient depth to provide full support for t tree. NOTE It might be necessary to orientate the tree for the staking system selected.

10.3.4 The choice of materials used to attach a stake support system a tree should allow for the radial expansion of the stem.

10.3.5 The tensioning wires or straps used with underground guying systems should be placed as shallowly as possible and should have a light covering of soil or mulch applied.

10.5.1 Planting depth is critical to transplanting success. The root fla the newly planted tree should be clearly visible at the soil surface. It should not be buried by excess soil or mulch.

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Multi-stemmed tr	rees are shown on m	ain planting plan.	
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Remove the wire cage where practicable. If this cannot be done, pee back the wire cage and hessian once the tree is in the planting pit.