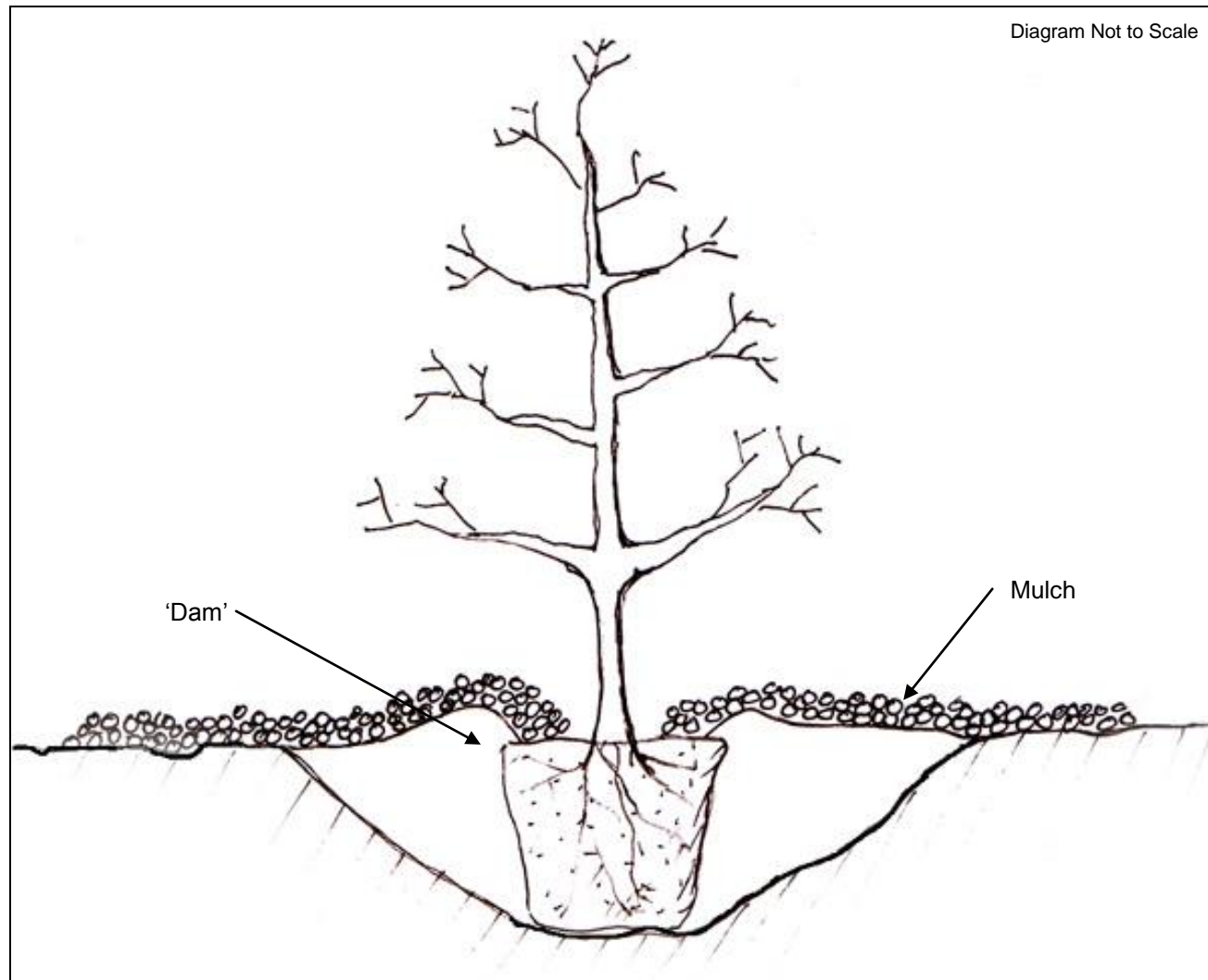


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Other Factors to Consider:

- Staking may need to be undertaken during the stages of establishment.
- Fertilising is dependant on what is being planted and when.
- Soil conditioning by adding Organic matter improves the soil structure this aids in water penetration as well as retention. Giving better overall plant growth.

Ask your friendly *Macdonalds Plants Plus* nursery staff if you require further details.



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Instructions

- Soak the plant while still in its pot by dropping into a bucket of water, if you can prior to commencing.
- Dig the planting hole at least twice as wide and only as deep as the root ball/container. Incorporating organic matter as you go.
- Be sure not to create a 'smooth surfaced' planting hole, as you go. This may be the case if you're planting into clay soil. Organic matters helps here as well.
- Place your plant in the central point of your hole (see diagram) and position accordingly.
- Backfill around your plant with the mixed soil.
- Create a 75-100mm high 'dam' around the edge of the root ball to hold the water as it soaks in.
- Apply a mulch covering to the surrounding area, to a depth of 30 to 40mm. Be sure to leave a 50mm minimum gap between the mulch and the plants stem to prevent collar rot. Mulching will aid in soil moisture retention, and weed suppression. If you use an organic mulch this will supply your plant with nutrients as the mulch breaks down
- Finally, water your plant in well.