

THE HAWAIIAN GARDEN

‘Ulu Tree Planting Sign

DIG

1. Dig the planting hole to the same depth as the soil inside the container that the tree is in, and twice as wide as the container. The soil levels inside and outside the container should be the same, so that the tree is not planted too shallow or too deep.

MIX

2. Mix compost and vermicast into the soil at the bottom of the hole before planting.

WATER

3. Before planting, fill the planting hole with water and allow it to drain into the soil completely before the tree is planted. This encourages downward growth of the roots.

PLANT

4. Gently remove the tree from its container before planting. Place the tree in the planting hole and make sure it is standing completely vertical. Gently and firmly fill the hole with soil.

MULCH

5. Use soil and mulch (e.g., wood chips, about 4" to 6" deep) to form a "doughnut-shaped" berm around the tree at the tree's drip line (the farthest reach of its leaves) in order to form a "water well" and discourage weeds.

Be sure that mulch does not come in contact with the trunk, which could cause rotting.

