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2. Remove all vegetation, down to the soil layer, for at least one foot around the planting site to reduce nutrient competition.
3. Dig a hole deep and wide enough to contain the roots.
4. Place the roots of the seedling in the hole and carefully spread them out. The root collar (where the roots join the stem) should be at or just below the ground's surface. The seedling should stand straight.
5. Fill the hole with soil and gently compact soil to remove air pockets that could dry out the roots and kill the seedling.
6. Water the seedling slowly and thoroughly after planting to settle the soil. If rainfall is not adequate, water weekly after planting for the first year.
7. Mark the seedling with a stake or flagging so it won't be cut down by a mower.
8. Fertilizer is not recommended at planting time. It can be applied two or three years after planting, when the root system is developed.

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