Tree Mobile Bare-Root Fruit Tree Planting Detail

1. **Pruning Recommendations:**
   - Prune any damaged branches.
   - Do not prune the leader if a tall tree is desired. Prune leader to encourage side shoots if preferred.
   - Fruit trees may be pruned as required for specific variety and desired shape after one year in early spring while still dormant.

2. **Staking:**
   - If staking is desired, use untreated wood tree stakes and biodegradable burlap ties in flexible figure 8 loops. Do not damage roots when driving in stakes.

3. **Grading:**
   - Tree shall bear same relation to grade as it bore to original grade, with graft union above soil line. Plant tree 50-100mm above desired grade to allow for settling.

4. **Mulching:**
   - Spread out tree roots (dig channels if required for longer roots). Cover roots with soil. Tamp soil firmly & water thoroughly to prevent air pockets, then fill in with rest of soil. Tamp again.
   - Scarify (roughen) sides of planting pit.
   - Undisturbed soil.

5. **Water Retention:**
   - Water retention saucer. Slowly soak backfilled area with 5 gallons of water to settle roots.

6. **Gravel Mulch:**
   - Circle of gravel mulch around base of tree to prevent grass & weeds near trunk (optional).

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**Diagram Notes:**

- **Graft Union**
- **Circle of Gravel Mulch**
- **125mm Water Retention Saucer**
- **Woodchip or Cedar Bark Mulch**
- **Spread Out Tree Roots**
- **Scarify Sides of Planting Pit**
- **Undisturbed Soil**

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**Diagram Details:**

- Width of hole sized to roots.
- +/- 45°