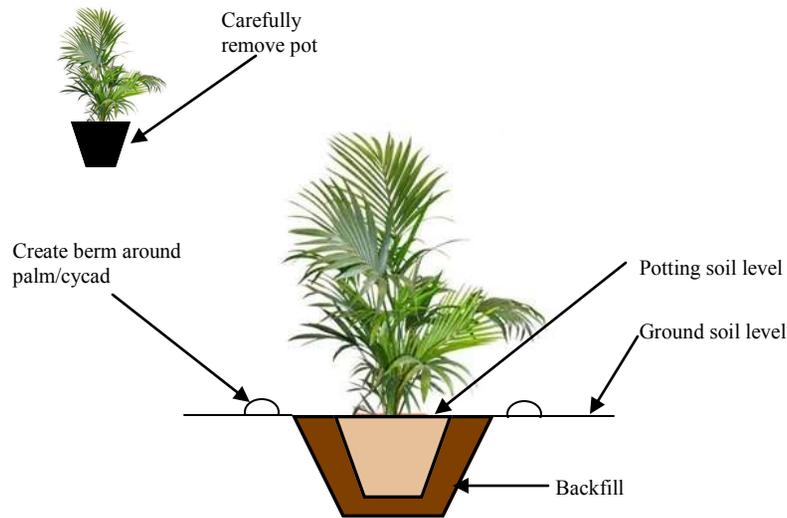
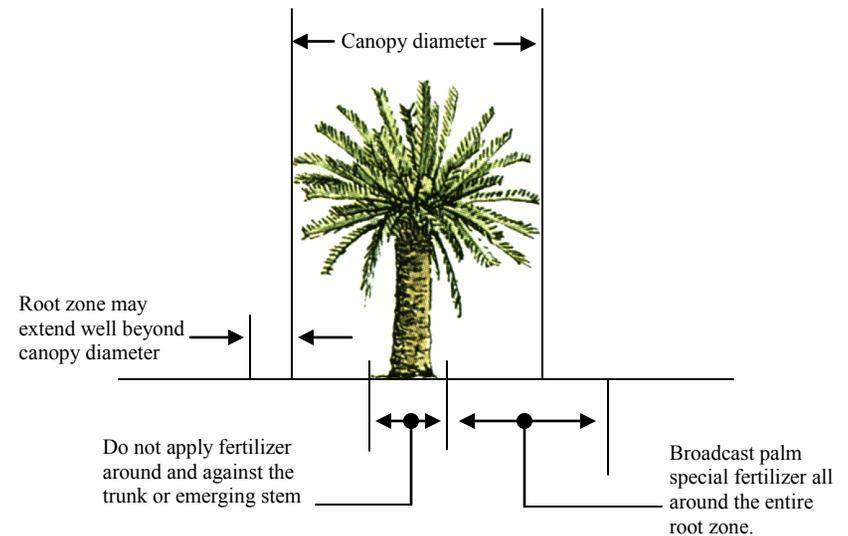


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## PALM AND CYCAD PLANTING GUIDELINES

- When removing palm/cycad from pot, minimize disturbance of roots (if pot bound do not break roots apart). If roots are growing through the pot, cut the pot away so that roots are undisturbed.
- Plant at same level that palm/cycad was growing in the pot.
- Amending backfill is generally not recommended.
- Incorporation of slow release fertilizer (Nutricote, Dynamite or 100% organic granular fertilizer) in backfill is acceptable. One handful per 3 gallon pot is sufficient. Do not use palm special granular fertilizers at planting time.
- Eliminate any air pockets around the root ball when backfilling planting hole.
- Create a berm around the planting hole so that a dam concentrates applied water to the root zone.
- Mulch is acceptable outside of the berm. Do not pile mulch against the stem of the palm or cycad.
- Keep root ball and surrounding area evenly moist for 4 – 6 months after planting.
- Palm special fertilizer should be applied to soil surface 4 – 6 weeks after planting.



## FERTILIZING ESTABLISHED PALMS AND CYCADS

- Use slow release palm special fertilizer with a full complement of macro and micro nutrients. The fertilizer sold by the Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society is an excellent choice. This fertilizer is also the best choice for fertilizing your entire yard, including lawn, ornamental plants and fruit trees.
- Apply fertilizer every three months year round.
- Recommended rate of fertilizer is 1.5 pounds of fertilizer per 100 square feet of root zone. This translates to amounts stated below:
  - 1 pound of fertilizer per application to small palms/cycads like *Phoenix roebelenii* (Pygmy Date Palm) or *Adonia merrillii* (Christmas Palm) or *Cycas revoluta* (King Sago)
  - 4.5 pounds of fertilizer per application to medium palms/cycads like *Livistona chinensis* (Chinese Fan Palm) or *Syagrus romanzoffiana* (Queen Palm), or *Cycas rumphii* (Queen Sago)
  - 7 pounds of fertilizer per application to large palms like *Roystonea regia* (Royal Palm) or *Phoenix canariensis* (Canary Island Date Palm)
- Buy only the best quality fertilizer. You get what you pay for. Bargain fertilizers are quick release and lack the minor elements required for optimum growth and health of your plants.