Planting instruction for planting Tahitian limes, Eureka lemons, and Washington Navel oranges **into the ground.**

Cottesloe features coastal sand/limestone profiles. Sand drains well, which citrus love, but it loses nutrients fast.

1. **Pick the spot**: Choose a full-sun site with at least 6 hours of direct sun. Protect from heavy coastal gales if exposed.
2. **Dig the hole**: Dig a hole **twice as wide** as the root ball and the same depth. Roughen the edges.
3. **Amend the native sand**: Mix dug-out sand with generous **compost and aged cow manure** or blood and bone to fix nutrient holding. Avoid heavy bentonite clay.
4. **Position the tree**: Tease root-ball roots gently. Set the tree so the **graft union** (the knobby bulge near the base) sits **well above the soil line**. Never bury the graft. Mound slightly if drainage is low.
5. **Backfill and firm**: Fill with enriched soil, firm gently to remove air pockets, and form a shallow water-holding basin ring.
6. **Water and mulch**: Water deeply immediately. Apply an organic mulch layer (like pine/pea straw or composted bark), keeping it 10 cm clear of the trunk.

Recommended Bunnings Soil/Improver Products

- **Soil/Compost boost**: Mix in local compost/manure or bagged garden soil improver from Bunnings Australia.
- **Fertiliser**: Use a specialized release product like Neutrog Gyganic or organic blood-and-bone blends during active growth.