

HOW TO PLANT A TREE CORRECTLY

1. Do not plant close to a building, sidewalk, or driveway.
2. Do not plant under the shade of other large trees.
3. Dig a hole almost 2 times the size of the container that the tree was purchased in. Planting a tree too deep and under or overwatering is among the most common and serious planting errors. Replace 1/3 of the dirt with a combined soil (cow manure & peat) or a loamy substance. Then put 2" of soil on top of that.
4. Upon initial planting, use Espoma Bio-Tone. This helps the root system with the shock of being planted. Do not use any other fertilizer at this time, except cow manure.
5. Firm soil around roots well and fill the hole with remaining soil. Water thoroughly for the first two weeks and accordingly thereafter. Good watering practices result in plants that establish more rapidly and thus become more quickly resistant to drought, pests, and disease.
6. One foot away from the trunk of the tree make an indent 3" deep and fill it with cow manure. This indent will also help the water soak in easily. Apply 3-4" of organic mulch over the planted area.

TIPS

- Little, if any, pruning should be necessary at the time of transplant.
- Do not fertilize shrubs and trees in the fall. **ONLY** fertilize them in the spring when plants are starting new growth. Apply fertilizer only after you water the plant.
- It is a good idea to give your trees a good drenching of water just before the first frost. This may help eliminate winter kill on roots.
- For winter protection, apple and shade trees should be staked and tree wrap placed around the trunk. Shrubs should be mulched with straw or leaves.

The varieties of trees and shrubs we carry are supposed to be hardy, however, due to our severe winters they are subject to winter kill. **We do not guarantee them through the winter.**