

Planting a Tree or Shrub

How to Prepare, Plant and Care for a new tree or shrub.

Things to Consider:

- How much Sun/shade do I get? Full sun is 6+ hours of sun. Shade is 4 hours or less of sun. Everything else is part sun/shade.
- Can I water it? Make sure you can get a hose to the planted area.
- Do deer come into my yard? Many plants are deer resistant, but it's not up to us.

What you will need:

- The plants, of course.
- Soil conditioner or compost (Bumpercrop, Leaf Humus or similar)
- Shovel and wheelbarrow/tarp/bucket
- Bio-Tone starter fertilizer
- Mulch and a water source

Preparing to Plant:

- Layout & Space plants according to recommendations on the tag. Allow for the plants to grow.
- Dig a hole twice the size of the pot width and ONLY as deep as the pot.
- Mix 50% of the existing soil with 50% of the new compost and add enough mixture to hole so the plant will sit 1-2" (or more if a big shrub/tree) above the existing grade.
- Remove plant from pot** and break up the bottom 3rd of the root ball-you're loosening the roots up so don't be afraid to be a little rough.
- Place the plant in hole and back fill with your 50/50 soil mix and a generous handful of Bio-tone. (Bio-tone contains a root stimulator helping to regrow any damaged roots). Bring soil up to the top of the root ball being mindful not to bury the plant too deep.
- Mulch the area you disturbed and water, soaking the entire area and the newly planted root ball. See Below for info.
- Typically newly planted trees are not staked as the plants root more quickly when the plant moves around a bit. If you feel staking is necessary ask a team member for advice.

Some plants come "B&B", balled and burlap. In this case, place the plant in the hole, untie and pull back the burlap. Do not remove the burlap or any metal that may be holding the root ball together. There is no reason to "break up" a B&B root ball as it should not be rootbound.

Mulching & Watering:

- Add a 1-2" layer of your mulch of choice around the base of the plant, covering the area you disturbed. Mulch will keep moisture in, weeds down and stabilize the soil from erosion. DO NOT MULCH THE CROWN OR TRUNK OF THE PLANT! Keep mulch away from the woody stems of your plants to prevent future rotting.
- Water your newly planted tree or shrub by soaking the original root ball and the surrounding disturbed area. Water for 30-40 seconds at a time 3-4 times...low and slow. Do this every 2-3 days, depending on rainfall for the first 2-3 months. Most newly planted trees and shrubs need an 1" water every week.

Additional tips and suggestions:

- When planting, add Espoma Bio-tone starter fertilizer to the hole. See package for info. Highly recommended to reduce transplant shock.
- Aside from Bio-tone, most new trees and shrubs do not need fertilizer until the next fall or spring (depending on when you planted).
- Make sure your tree or shrub is at least 1-2" above the existing grade...plant it high and watch it fly! Plant it low and watch it go. Too deep =slow suffocation.
- If your plant is beloved by the deer, plan on protecting it with Deer Scram granular repellent, Liquid fence Spray or deer netting. See our website for our list of deer resistant plants.

Delivery & Installation Services

Delivery within MoCo is \$29. Items that require 2 people are \$55. This is a driveway delivery only. Purchases of \$500 or more qualify for free delivery. "Dirty Glove" Delivery is available, where we will take the items to a specific location (no steps up or down). See store for details.

We will install a tree or shrub purchased from Good Earth starting at \$99.00. See web site or store for complete pricing details.

OUR GUARANTEE

All trees and shrubs* purchased at full price are guaranteed for 3 years from date of purchase provided they are planted in the ground and reasonable care has been given.

WE DO NOT GUARANTEE PLANTS FROM ANIMAL DAMAGE.

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