

# Plant Care

## Watering:

Plants should be slowly soaked to a depth of 3-4 inches, which is about an inch of rain per week. This is required for the first year or two. Let the hose run slowly at the base of the plant until the water has penetrated evenly around the roots. Too much water can be a problem. Feel the soil. If it is wet, do not add water. Frequent light watering is not as good as a thorough soaking once per week.

## Insects & Diseases:

Keep an eye out for holes, curling, brown leaves or needles. This could be a sign of insect or disease. Ask our Ohio Certified Nursery Technician for help with diagnosis and treatment strategies.

## Pruning:

Pruning at time of planting helps to reduce leaf surface to match cut roots. Remove a few smaller twigs. Do not cut back the main trunk or larger branches. If shaping is necessary, trim side branches enough to get uniformity.

## Fertilizing:

The Bio-tone Starter Plus added to the backfill will be all that is required initially. Feed your plants spring and fall with Espoma "Tone" plant foods. Ask our Ohio Certified Nursery Technicians for a recommendation.



## Acid Loving Plants:

Azaleas, Holly, Dogwoods and Rhododendrons require well-drained, acid soils. Use Holly-tone to lower soil pH at time of planting.

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## GUARANTEE

All trees and shrubs are guaranteed for one full year from the original purchase date. Perennials, ornamental grasses and groundcovers are guaranteed up to winter (their dormant period). If your tree or shrub dies, just bring back the dead plant with your original sales receipt. We will be happy to give you a one-time credit, equal to the amount paid and shown on your receipt, to be used towards any future purchase.

## OHIO CERTIFIED NURSERY TECHNICIANS

You will find your gardening projects will go more smoothly with the help of an Ohio Certified Nursery Technician. To ensure you with more gardening successes, we encourage our knowledgeable employees to become certified through the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association. Since we are more qualified and ready to supply you with all the gardening information and supplies you need, you will get your projects done right, the first time. This will free up more of your time to use for other meaningful commitments.

## The White Oak Commitment

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# A Guide to Planting Trees & Shrubs



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# Step 1

## Soil Preparation

Dig hole 50% wider and only as deep as the root ball. Prepare soil by mixing 2/3 soil, 1/3 Pay Gro Planting Mix, add 1 cup of Bio-tone Starter Plus. Mix thoroughly.

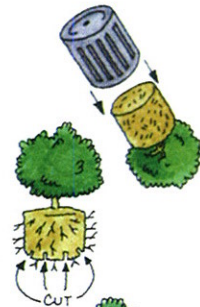


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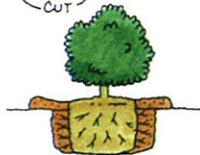
## Container Grown Trees & Shrubs

a.) Remove plant from container.

b.) Plant roots may be restricted by the container shape. Loosen the roots all the way around, even on the bottom. Use a knife or shear if required. Gently pull apart.



c.) Center plant in hole 1 to 3 inches above grade.



d.) Backfill with amended soil 1 1/2 over rootball and pack firmly. Make a saucer of soil around the plant. Water with a slow soakingroot stimulator fertilizer.



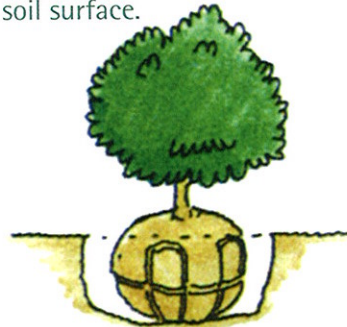
e.) Apply a 2 inch mulch layer. Keep mulch 2 inches from plants main trunk.



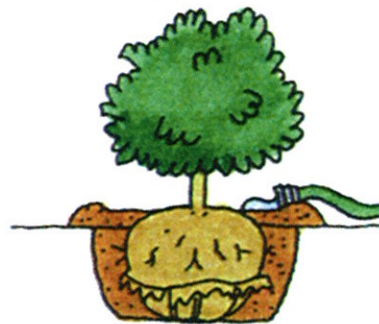
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## Field Grown Trees & Shrubs

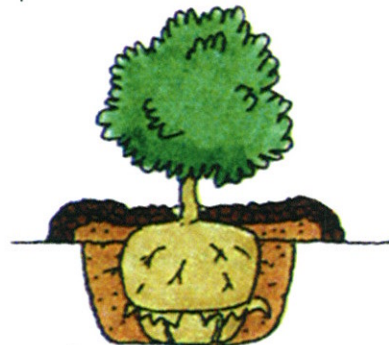
a.) Roll the root ball and "steer" it into the hole. Center plant in the hole 1 to 3 inches above grade. Cut and remove all cords or twine. Burlap should be loosened and pulled away from the trunk and below the soil surface.



b.) Backfill with amended soil 1/2" over rootball and pack firmly. Make a saucer of soil around the plant. Water with slow soaking.



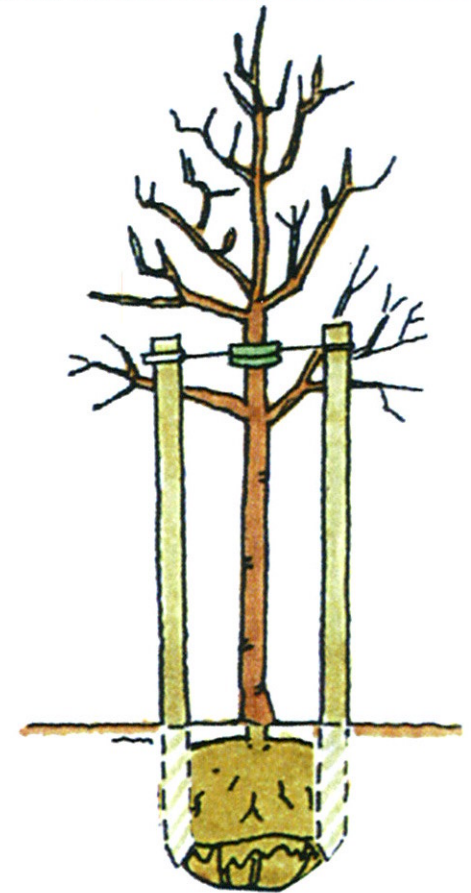
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# Step 3

## Staking Container Field Grown Trees & Shrubs

Some trees tend to lean. Use wires secured to anchor stakes in firm ground (not the root ball). Where the wires contact the tree use a hose segment to prevent damage.



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