

Transplanting Trees and Shrubs

- Water plant thoroughly before planting. It is best to transplant on a cloudy day; less water is lost through the leaves from transpiration.

- All containerized plants (including those in fiber pots) must be taken out of their pots prior to planting. Balled and burlaped plants need to have the string cut and the burlap pushed down to the bottom of the hole after the plant is placed in the hole.

- Evergreens should be sprayed with an anti-desiccant such as "Wilt Pruf" to prevent moisture loss through the needles. Others should also be sprayed if there is any possibility of root damage.

- Dig a hole deeper and at least twice the diameter of the root ball.

- If the soil dug out of the hole is poor, add organic matter such as peat moss, compost, etc. to improve quality. Mix in lime if the soil is too acid.

- Backfill with enough soil so that when the tree or shrub is planted, it sits at the same depth as it was in the pot. More than an inch of extra soil over the roots can slowly kill a tree.

- Place tree/shrub in the middle of hole and add soil along sides.

- Water in with "Upstart" before completely filling the hole. Follow recommendation on bottle for desired amount. Fill in remainder of hole with soil leaving a shallow basin around plant for watering. Water well to eliminate air pockets.

- Staking of trees is necessary to prevent damage to roots during strong winds. It is not necessary to stake shrubs.



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