



Planting Guide

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Trees and shrubs can be far more difficult and expensive to replace than other parts of your landscape. To give new plantings the best chance of survival, please follow these instructions carefully and please, feel free to call us here at the Garden Center 970-484-5022 and speak to our expert staff if you have questions or concerns.

Step 1: Where to plant

The first thing to consider is your tree or shrub's ultimate size when you choose a location. Your new plant will not stay the same size forever, and many people make the mistake of crowding too many plants together, or choosing a site that will eventually be too close to buildings or walkways.

Step 2: When to plant

The best times to plant trees or shrubs in Colorado are in the Spring or Fall. New plantings do best when exposed to moderate temperatures and rainfall. They need time to acclimate before the onset of either intense heat and dryness, or freezing temperatures.

Step 3: How to plant

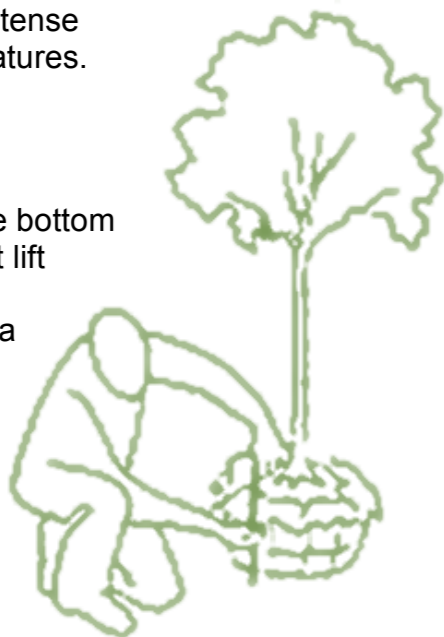
The Root Ball:

Be careful to support your plant by the bottom of the root ball when moving it. Do not lift by the trunk.

Remove the container. In the case of a balled and burlaped root ball, remove any fabric, twine, or wire basket at least 1/3 of the way down.

Measure the depth and width of the root ball.

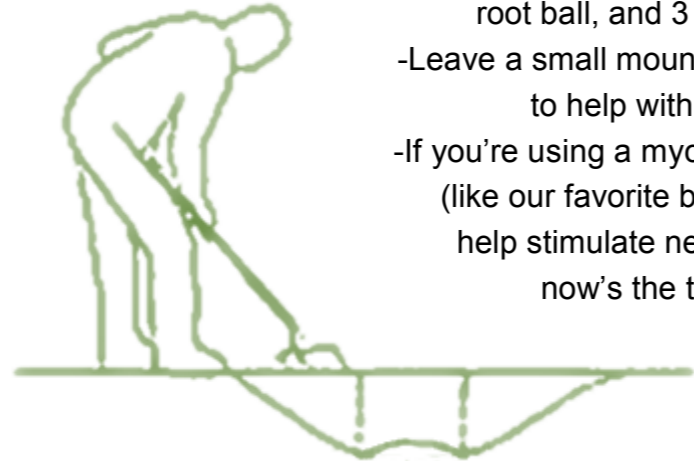
Loosen any circling roots gently with your fingers.



The Hole:

First things first!

Be sure to check for underground lines or wires before you dig.
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- Make your hole *just* as deep as the root ball, and 3 times as wide.
- Leave a small mound at the center to help with pooling water.
- If you're using a mycorrhizal fungi (like our favorite brand Myke!) to help stimulate new root growth, now's the time to apply it.

Set your new tree or shrub down in the hole so that the top of the root ball is just at ground level –not above it, or below it.

Mix your back-fill soil with compost at a 1/3 compost : 2/3 soil ratio and gently tamp the blend around the roots

Water thoroughly and add more back-fill if the soil settles.

Step 4: Care for new plantings

Mulching: surround your new planting with a 3-4" layer of wood or rock mulch but make sure to leave a few inches clear right around the trunk to allow for airflow

Watering: after the initial watering for planting, new plants will probably need water at least once a week (in the absence of rain) and in the full heat of summer, you may need to water more often.

Proper moisture balance is key. Too much is just as bad as too little, so be careful. If you are not sure whether to water, there is a simple way to check.

Dig into the soil 8 inches out from the edge of the planting hole and 8 inches down. Squeeze the soil in your hand—if the soil crumbles, it's time to water, if it forms a ball, it's still okay for a while longer.

Regular deep watering is better than frequent light watering. It promotes deep strong root systems.

Don't forget about watering in the winter too. We can have very dry winters in Colorado and your plants will still need moisture.

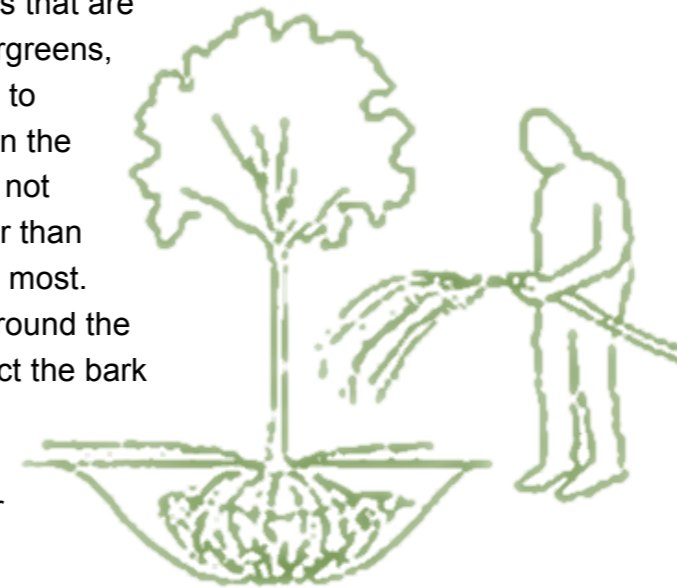
Water once a month if we haven't gotten enough snow.

Fertilizing: New trees will not need fertilizing in their first year, but you should use some kind of root stimulator or transplant shock preventer to get the root system off to a good start.

In following years, an early spring treatment of balanced fertilizer will be sufficient for most varieties, but please ask our Nursery professionals for advice on your specific plants needs.

Staking: Some trees that are top-heavy, like evergreens, will require staking to keep them upright in the wind. Trees should not be staked for longer than one or two years at most.

Use fabric straps around the tree trunks to protect the bark and keep a slight sag in the ropes or wires to allow for natural sway.



Wrapping: Some thin barked trees and shrubs can suffer from sun scald in our winter sun. Wrap these sensitive varieties with paper tree wrap along the trunk and larger lower branches. Apply the wrap in late fall and be sure to remove it in the spring.

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