

## Planting Instructions

- Potted or balled & burlapped trees and shrubs can be planted any time during the growing season, from the moment you can get a shovel into the ground in spring until two or three weeks before the ground freezes in fall.
- Very few trees will thrive in a wet area, so it is very important to make sure a young tree is planted in an area with good drainage.
- To ensure good drainage, dig one foot deeper and one foot wider than the root ball or pot. To the extracted soil, add organic matter. We recommend adding peat moss so it represents about one-third of the entire mixture, two spades full of Nurseryland steer manure and one cup of horticultural lime. Mix thoroughly. Another option is to use Nurseryland™ Soil Doctor, which is a mixture of these three ingredients plus kelp. Nurseryland™ Soil Doctor can be mixed 50/50 with the existing soil.
- Shovel, but **do not pack**, about ten inches of your mixture into the hole. Mix in a handful of Nurseryland™ Bone Meal, then place the tree or shrub on top of the ten inch base.
- If the tree or shrub is in a pot, either paper or plastic, you must remove the pot before planting. If the root ball is wrapped in burlap and plastic, remove only the plastic and place the burlap wrapped root ball onto the ten inch base. Once the root ball is positioned, use a sharp knife to cut slits around the burlap to assist root growth.
- Fill the area around the root ball with more of the soil mixture. Leave a two inch depression from ground level to help hold water. Firm, but do not pack, the soil around the base of the tree. Fill the area around the trunk with mulch to prevent quick drying.
- After planting, water well.
- We strongly recommend using Nurseryland™ Transplanter 5-15-5 as a final step. This fertilizer is high in phosphorus and contains a root stimulant. Both encourage good root development.
- Give your young trees and shrubs attentive care for the whole first growing season. Water them regularly, about once per week, including a good heavy watering just before the fall freeze-up. Remember to fertilize regularly.

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