



PLANTING GUIDE

FOR TREES & SHRUBS

Remember if you are not going to plant the day of purchase, container grown plants should be watered appropriately to maintain moisture content. This could be one to two times per day on a hot summer day or once or twice per week on a cloudy winter day depending on weather.

- Dig the hole 2-3 times wider than the root ball, without going any deeper than the root ball. *During extremely dry periods – fill the hole with water before planting and let the water drain out to saturate the soil around the hole.*
- The Soil Mixture is crucial to growing a healthy plant.
 - Option (1) Use **Fafard Planting Mix** mixed with an equal amount of the existing soil.
 - Option (2) Mix **Natures Choice Soil Conditioner** and **mushroom compost** or **composted manure** with an equal amount of existing soil.
- Remove the tree or shrub from the pot and loosen the roots.
- Set the tree or shrub in the hole, making sure it's positioned properly.
- Back fill the remainder of the hole with the soil mixture, do not plant any deeper than the top of the root ball.
- Water slowly and thoroughly with a solution of **Root Stimulator** and water. This not only feeds and waters your plant but also helps to settle soil and eliminate air pockets.
- Mulch the area in about 3" deep, allowing 2" of space between the trunk and the mulch.

Most trees and shrubs will need supplemental watering for the first year until they become established.

If you have any questions about the care of your plants please call Lavender Mountain Hardware and Garden: (706)295-0299

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