

– A GUIDE TO –

Planting Potted Trees & Shrubs

- Instructions for planting -

- Dig a hole a little bigger than the ball. This will allow room for some soil around the plant.
- Lay the container on its side, gently pull out of the container, and place it in the hole.
- Plant the tree/shrub about one inch below the pot line. **Do not** put fertilizer in the hole.
- Loosen any roots that are wrapped around the ball. If the plant is root bound, loosen the small roots around the ball, this will keep the roots from choking the plant. **Do not** destroy ball.
- Fill loose dirt mixed with some soil in the hole around the ball. Water the loose dirt mixture and pack it firmly. Continue to pack the additional loose dirt mixture and water around the ball until you have reached ground level, this will eliminate air pockets.
- Form a small dike around the perimeter of the hole. This will keep the water from running off.
- Soak the area fully.

- Instructions for the first year -

- Your plant will need special care for the first year in order to survive.
- Water the plant frequently. The plant should remain moist through out the first growing season. Check the ground moisture frequently.
- Fertilizer is not necessary for the first year, however, a light amount of fertilizer on the top of the soil will not hurt. **CAUTION:** Too much fertilizer will kill the plant.
- Note: Evergreens do not go dormant, therefore, water periodically during the winter (even if the ground is frozen) evergreens will need to be kept moist the entire winter.

