

Caring for your New Plantings!

- Inspect plant for any broken or rubbing branches. Prune these branches to shape your tree or shrub properly before planting.
- It is best to plant trees, shrubs and perennials as soon as possible. If not planting immediately, keep in cool, moist place and water in pot so it does not dry out.
- Dig the hole approximately 1 foot wider than the plant's root system. It is important to loosen up the existing soil and combine it with soil additives, such as compost.
- Remove plant from pot and place in hole. Backfill existing soil with the compost & existing soil mixture.
- Mix root stimulator with water per directions on bottle. Water plant in well with root stimulator solution after planting. Follow up with an additional application in 2 weeks and then 1 time each month throughout the season.
- Water carefully too much or too little water can set back or even kill your plants. See watering guidelines handout.
- Stake trees or tall plants with proper stakes and banding as needed to prevent wind damage.
- Mulch around plant. Keep mulch 1" away from trunk.
- Monitor insect and disease populations A regular monitoring program is recommended, especially during the first year when plants are more susceptible to pest problems.
- In the late fall of the first few years protect the tree trunk or tender plants with a wire mesh tree protector to prevent damage from deer, rabbits, and voles. It is also important to water your plant regularly until the ground freezes to prepare for winter!

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- The care you give your new plants in the first year after planting is crucial to their survival. They need your help to readjust and establish themselves in a new environment. These tips will help ensure your success as a new plant owner.
- Please contact us with any questions, our landscape & garden center team is here to help. Thank you & enjoy your plants!!



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