

# Planting Instructions

**IMPORTANT:** Water plants daily until planted. Carry plants by the container or rootball.  
Carrying plants by their trunks will damage the plant.

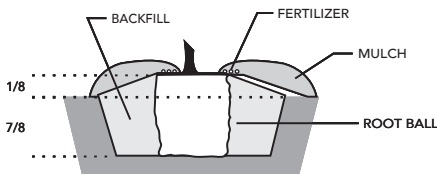
## Plants In Containers

### STEP 1: Prepare planting hole

Dig a hole 1 foot wider than the diameter of the root ball. **Make the depth so that 1/8 of the root ball will be ABOVE the surrounding soil level.**

### STEP 2: Placing the plant

- Remove plant from the container either by turning it over and tapping the bottom or by cutting the pot.
- If plant is root bound (roots circled around soil ball and appear tightly matted), consult our website or call us.
- Place plant in hole.



### STEP 3: Planting

Backfill the sides with a mixture of 2/3 soil from the hole and 1/3 compost.

**DO NOT PLANT TOO DEEPLY. Remember, 1/8 of the root ball should be ABOVE the surrounding soil level.** Tamp the soil firmly around the root ball; eliminating all air pockets.

### STEP 4: Finishing

- Fertilize with a slow release fertilizer.
- Cover with 1" layer of mulch over root ball and 2-3" over rest of planting area. Keep mulch and soil away from the trunk or base stem.
- WATER according to the instructions below.

## Planting Large Plants

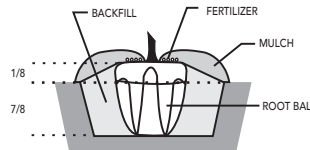
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### STEP 2: Placing the plant

#### 2a. BALLED & BURLAPPED PLANTS

- Leave wire basket and burlap on the root ball.
- Place root ball in hole.
- Remove string and burlap on portions of the root ball above the soil level. The top of the wire basket may be bent back or cut off so it is even with the soil surface. (Leave the wire basket and burlap on the rest of the root ball.)



#### 2b. GROW BAG PLANTS

- Cut eight slits in the sides of the bag and remove the entire bag, including the bottom.
- Place plant in hole.



### STEP 3: Planting

Backfill the sides with soil from the hole. **DO NOT PLANT TOO DEEPLY. Remember, 1/8 of the root ball should be ABOVE the surrounding soil level.** Tamp the soil firmly around the root ball eliminating all air pockets.

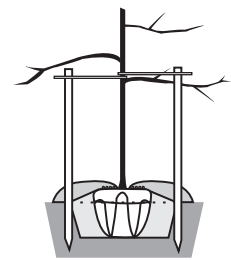
### STEP 4: Finishing

- Fertilize with a slow release fertilizer.
- Cover with 1" layer of mulch over root ball and 2-3" over rest of planting area. Keep mulch and excess soil away from the trunk or stem.
- WATER according to the instructions below.
- Stake according to the instructions to the right.

## Staking Instructions

All Grow Bag trees and most upright trees (container or B&B) over 4 feet tall should be staked. If you're not sure if you should stake your plants, please ask a nursery associate.

<b>SMALL TREES</b>	Use 4 foot stakes
<b>MEDIUM TREES</b>	Use 5 foot stakes
<b>LARGE TREES</b>	Use 6 foot stakes



Drive 2 stakes just outside of the planting hole on opposite sides of the tree (one on the East side and one on the West). Attach one end of black plastic chainlock to the top of each stake and the other end to the trunk of the tree about the same height.

**Stakes should be removed after one year,** with the following exception: Leyland Cypress should remain staked for 1.5 years. Check the chainlock at the one year mark to ensure proper tautness.

## Watering Instructions

### Immediately after planting

Water your new plants thoroughly. Use an open-ended hose running at medium pressure – do not use a sprinkler. A thorough soaking will take from 20 seconds for small plants to 2-3 minutes for larger shrubs and trees. (See the chart)

### Water plants for 1 year

Water twice weekly with an open-ended hose running at medium pressure, using the chart to the right. If drought conditions exist, water every second day with the following exception; Grow Bag plants will need water every day.

**Rainfall (Less than 1") should NOT be considered watering.**

Small plants (1 gal. container)	20 seconds (1/2 gallon water)
Medium plants (3-7 gal. container)	40 seconds (1 gallon water)
Large plants (10+ gal., Grow Bag or B&B)	2 minutes (3 gallons water)

Always check soil moisture before watering. Symptoms for over watering and under-watering can look similar. If you are unsure if the plant needs watering, take a sturdy stick and push it into the ground next to the rootball to the approximate bottom of the plant's hole. Pull the stick out. If it is extremely wet, do not water.

If it is dry, it is in need of water. (A moisture meter will also work.)

- Watering wand or a spray gun (on a gentle setting) are suitable for use.



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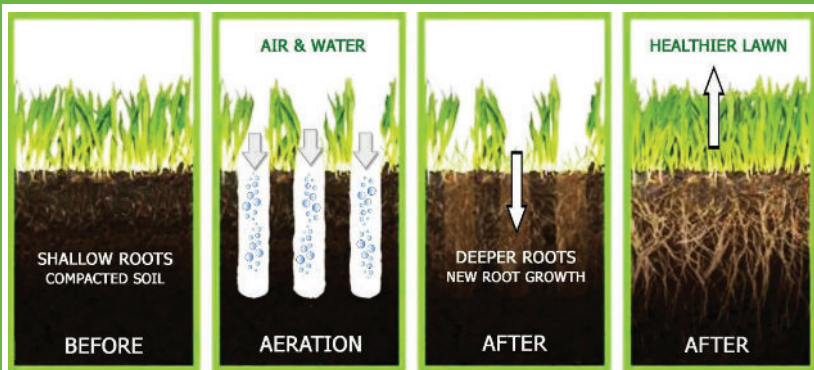
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