

# Trees, Shrubs & Perennials Planting Instructions

The following planting guidelines will help your new trees, shrubs or perennials get the best start possible. These steps are vital to your plants success.

## Soil Mix

When planting, the hole should be prepared with a good soil mixture. 2/3 of the mix should be good topsoil, the other 1/3 should include organic matter. Compost and Sea Soil are good choices for organic matter and are available in bags. A mixture of peat moss and manure may also be used.



## Fertilizer

Starter fertilizers such as Plant Prod 10-52-10 or Plant Prod Root Booster 5-15-5 should be used approximately every 2-4 weeks until fall. The middle number in these plant foods represents phosphorus, the nutrient that encourages good root growth. Dilute the plant food according to the directions, then pour over the wet root ball once the plant has been placed in the hole. If using Myke Growth Supplement, only use 100% organic fertilizers with it.



## Perennials

Prepare the hole two times the width of the pot and 1 1/2 times as deep as the pot. Score the sides of the hole with a hand trowel. Fill the bottom of the hole with good loamy, black soil (Sea Soil) so the top of the root ball will be at the same grade (level) as the existing soil. Score the root ball with a sharp blade or 'tickle' the root ball with your fingers to encourage outward root growth. Set the plant into the hole and fill the rest of the hole with soil and gently tamp in.

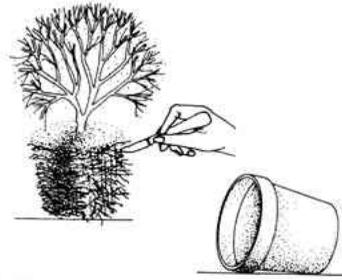
Because plants in plastic containers can quickly dry out, it is imperative that they are watered often before and after they are planted, to prevent them from drying out. Check daily for moisture, you may need to water once per day for the first 2-4 weeks after planting.



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## Containerized Trees and Shrubs

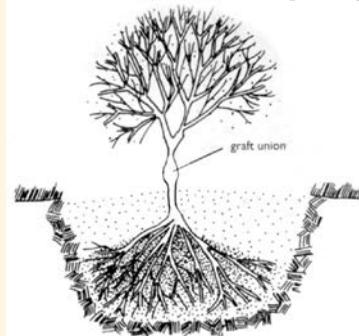
**Black Potted** - Prepare the hole two times the width of the pot and 1 1/2 times as deep as the pot. Score the sides of the hole with a shovel blade. Fill the bottom of the hole with good loamy, black soil so the top of the root ball will be at the same grade (level) as the existing soil. Score the root ball with a sharp blade or "tickle" the root ball with your fingers to encourage outward root growth. Fill the rest of the hole with soil and gently tamp in to remove air pockets.



Because plants in plastic containers can quickly dry out, it is imperative that they are watered very frequently before and after they are planted, to prevent them from drying out. This will be as often as once or twice a day. You will need to water this frequently for approximately 4 weeks or until the root system starts to establish.

**Fibre Potted** - Prepare the hole two times as wide and 1 1/2 times as deep as the pot. Score the sides of the hole as above. Fill bottom of hole with good soil. Slice off the bottom of the pot then gently place the tree in the hole. If you notice that the root ball is wrapped in burlap and twine, ensure that the twine is cut and that the top one third of the burlap is removed. Once the pot is placed in the hole, slice one side from top to bottom. As you backfill the hole, carefully and gently remove the pot from around the root ball (to reduce root disturbance). Gently tamp soil to remove any air pockets. Water in well with Root Booster or transplant fertilizer every 2-4 weeks for entire growing season.

**Note:** Graft unions on trees (looks like a knot at the base of the trunk) should be planted at soil level. Be careful not to plant too high or too deep.



## Watering

**VERY IMPORTANT:** The following applies when planting trees and shrubs in fibre pots. When watering **after** transplanting, it is imperative not to over water. It is best to water deeply once and then allow the soil to dry out several inches down before watering again. Watering in this fashion encourages the roots to grow out and down in search of moisture, allowing the tree or shrub to become established more effectively.



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Check every few days but only water if soil has dried - this may take up to a week or more depending on conditions and soil type. If the newly transplanted tree or shrub is watered too often, it will not have a chance to dry out and the roots may start to rot. This is especially important for plant material such as Caragana, Mountain Ash and Amur Cherry which cannot tolerate over watering.

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