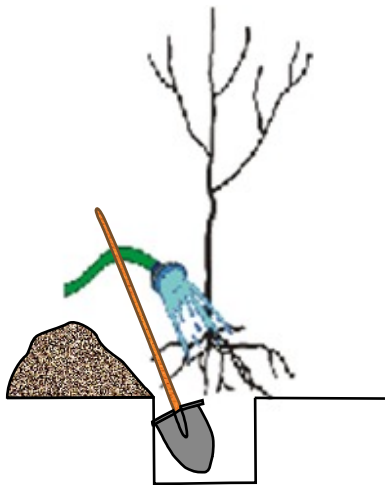


# HOW TO PLANT BARE ROOT TREES

In Five Easy Steps

Step 1

Dig a hole



As soon as you get your tree or shrub home, place it in a cool area away from direct sun and wet the roots down. Keep the roots moist and cool while you are preparing the hole. **DO NOT** submerge the roots in water for a prolonged period or subject the tree to excessive heat or freezing. Dig the hole large enough to accommodate the entire root system without bending or pruning them.

Step 2

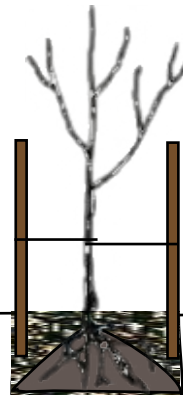
Mix soil



Mix the soil you dug from the hole half-and-half with **Black Gold Soil Conditioner**. If the soil mix is dry, moisten it with water. Add **Down To Earth Bio-Live fertilizer** and mix. Build a cone of soil mix in the bottom of the hole to spread the roots out on. Pack it firmly so your tree doesn't settle and sink.

Step 3

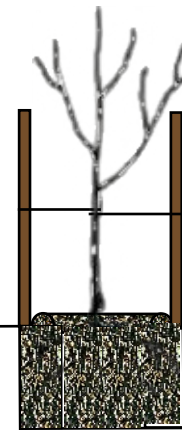
Set in hole



Set the tree on the cone so that the top root is just below your native soil line and the graft is above. **DO NOT BURY THE GRAFT**. Cover the roots with the soil mix and tamp it down well. Use the shovel handle or a stick to pole around the roots making sure there are no air pockets.

Step 4

Stake (if required) Mulch and water



Drive a stake in either side of the hole beside the root system. Tie the tree with Stretch-Tie taking care not to cut into the bark of the tree. Build a 'moat' around the hole to aid in watering.

Step 5



Apply a mulch layer of your choice to the depth of 2"-3" and then water in with a mixture of water and **Ferti-lome Root Stimulator**. This will reduce shock and stimulate root development.



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## Continuing care

### Daily

Keep your newly planted trees and shrubs evenly moist. Do not let them dry out the first year. Over-watering can be even worse than under-watering so be sure not to over-do it. The key is 'evenly moist, not soggy'. In some cases this means daily watering but not always. Check the soil daily for the first few weeks until you get an idea how long it takes for them to dry out.

### Weekly

Use the **Fertilome Root Stimulator** with your water once per week for the first month. This will help your plants to continue to establish and grow. Check your water holding dam and shore it up if necessary. If your tree is staked, check to make sure the stakes are still firm and the tree is still straight.

### Monthly

Look for odd growth such as suckers and lop-sided growth spurts and prune them off. A small amount of pruning can be done just about any time of year. If your plant flowers, wait until it is through blooming before pruning. Inspect for damage from insects or diseases. If something doesn't look right to you, bring us a sample in a sealed plastic bag for identification.

### Annually

Remove any stakes and ties after 6 months. Fertilize your plants twice annually, Spring and Fall, with **Fertilome Tree and Shrub Food**. Check your mulch layer and add fresh mulch if needed. Check to see if you need to add extra drip lines if you are watering with a drip system.

### Our Guarantee

Our plants are guaranteed to be healthy and free from insect and disease problems at the time they leave the nursery. If you are having trouble, bring us a sample and we will check it out to see what the problem might be. If you plant your trees and/or shrubs according to these instructions, we will warrantee them for one full year from the date of purchase, providing proper care. Any circumstances that are out of our control such as under or over watering, animal or insect damage that happens after leaving the nursery, improper planting etc. cannot and will not be warrantee.

**All bare root are guaranteed to leaf out by the first of June. If your tree has not leafed out by then, please contact us BEFORE bringing it in for replacement.**

## Do You Have everything You Need?



Black Gold Soil Conditioner

One bag will plant:

- 15 gallon plants.....2-3
- 5 gallon plants.....4-6
- 1 gallon plants.....8-10



Down To Earth Bio-Live Fertilizer

One box will plant:

- 15 gallon plants.....6
- 5 gallon plants.....9
- 2-3 gal plants .....12
- 1 gallon plants.....18



Fertilome Root Stimulator

One Quart will treat:

- (four applications):
- 15 gallon plants.....1-2
  - 5 gallon plants.....2-4
  - 1 gallon plants .....8-10

Dont Forget:

- Stakes
- Ties
- Mulch
- Drippers

