

PG PLANTING & CARE GUIDE

TREES AND SHRUBS

1 Right Plant, Right Place

Choose planting site appropriate for your plant. Consider sun/shade, moisture, wind and size of plant at maturity.

3 Pot Grown Plants

Water plant thoroughly and allow to drain before removing from pot. Slide the plant out of the container or cut the sides of the pot to remove plant. It is very important to untangle the root mass or score roots about 1/2" deep vertically in 5 to 6 places. Plant at same level as grown in the pot or 1-2" above grade. Back-fill with soil mix, water thoroughly and apply mulch 2-4" deep and 1-3" away from trunk or stems.

4 Ongoing Plant Care

Water - Newly planted trees and shrubs should be watered 2-3 times a week. For every inch of the caliper of a tree, it should get at least 3-5 gallons of water each watering. A shrub grown in a 3 gallon pot should receive 1 gallon each watering. More water may be required during very warm weather.

Mulch - Organic mulch should be applied 2-4" deep and 1-3" away from trunk or stems. Organic mulch helps conserve water, improves soil quality and helps control weeds.

Fertilizer - Compost or composted manure are recommended during the first year. Incorporate at time of planting or top dress later. To top dress later, pull mulch back, apply compost/manure then reapply mulch, keeping mulch 1-3" away from trunk or stems.

Staking - Single stem trees might need to be staked if in a windy location. Multiple stemmed trees typically do not need to be staked.

Trunk Protection - Young single stem trees benefit from tree wraps to protect against animal damage. Smooth bark trees also benefit from tree wrap to protect against frost crack during very cold winter temperatures. Tree wrap or burlap wrap are both effective.

2 Dig the Hole

The hole should be about twice as wide as the root mass and about the same depth. Mix compost/manure about 50/50 with excavated soil and use for fill.

