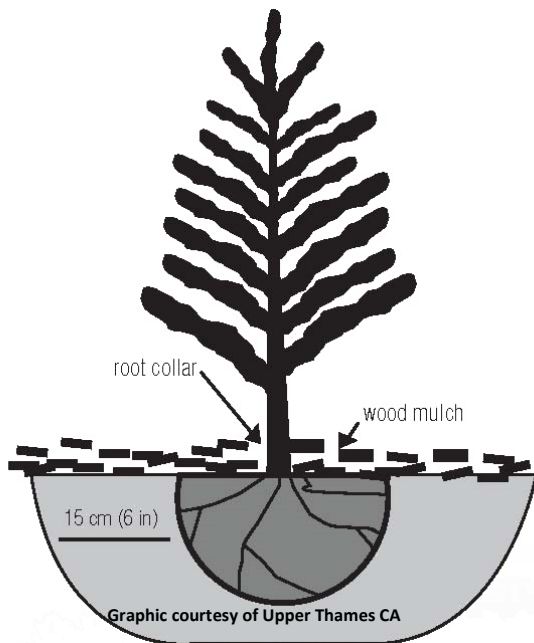


Tree Planting Guide

BALLED & BURLAPPED AND POTTED TREES



Planting

- Root ball or pots need to be kept moist until planting occurs.
- The planting hole should be 30cm (12in) wider than the diameter of the root ball.
- Ensure the planting hole is deep enough that the root collar (where the stem meets the root ball) is even with the ground.
- Place the tree in the hole via the root ball. Do not lift by the trunk. If planting potted tree, remove the pot.
- For the root ball, cut the twine, untie and fold back the burlap from the tree. Burlap and twine can remain in the hole as it will decompose.
- Make sure the tree is straight in the hole prior to backfilling.
- Tamp down soil intermittently to avoid air pockets around roots.
- Mulch with wood chips in a circle around the tree base to a depth of 5-10cm (2-4in) to help control weeds and retain moisture.
- Mulch should be kept slightly away from the trunk to avoid decay at the base of the tree.
- For hardwood trees: Stakes and tree guards may be required to benefit the tree.

Important Tips

Transport

- Plant trees promptly following pick up.
- Ensure root ball remains moist.

Site Selection

- Site should be free of debris like stumps, rocks, etc.
- Keep trees away from buildings, roads, septic systems, utility wires, field tiles and drain outlets.

Protection from Animals

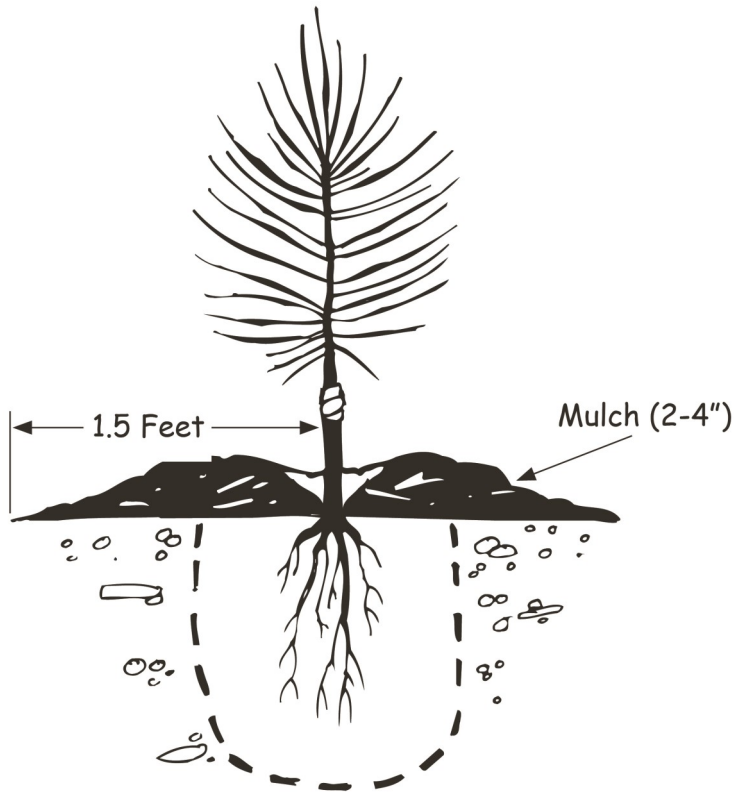
- Place guards around tree stem to protect against rabbit and mouse damage during the winter.
- Wrap/ guard should be placed at the base of the tree. Make sure wrap does not cover any side branches.

Watering

- Trees should be thoroughly watered at time of planting.
- Water trees during dry spells every 7-14 days. To ensure adequate watering, check that the soil is moist at least one inch below the surface.

Tree Planting Guide

SEEDLINGS



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Planting

- Open bag and carefully cut elastic around seedling bundles.
- Gently separate roots. If roots are dry, dip them in water.
- Dig a hole that will fit the whole root system without bending or bunching the roots.
- Make sure the tree is straight in the hole prior to backfilling.
- Tamp down soil intermittently during backfilling to avoid air pockets around roots.
- Ground should be level with the root collar (where the stem meets the roots).

Important Tips

Transport

- Handle trees with care.
- Keep trees cool during transport.

Storage

- Trees should be planted within 24 hours of pickup.
- Store in an area of the barn, basement or garage that is between 2-5°C.
- Leave bags sealed until ready to plant.
- Reseal partially planted bags and keep cool until ready to plant the remainder.

Site Selection

- Site should be free of debris like stumps, rocks, etc.
- Keep trees away from buildings, roads, septic systems, utility wires, field tiles and drain outlets.

Weed Control

- To control weeds at time of planting :
 - ⇒ Apply a herbicide
 - ⇒ Hand pull
- Mow grass in between rows 2-3 times. This is especially important in the fall since mowing will decrease damage from snow load and rodents.

Watering

- Water trees at time of planting.
- Water trees occasionally after planting particularly during dry spells with a thorough soaking.