

Planting Trees

Container-grown plants and balled and burlapped plants with well-developed root systems can be planted throughout the year. However, most plants are dug and planted during the cooler months after leaf drop.

PREPARE SITE

Dig a hole two to three times the width of the tree's root ball. The depth should be about the same size as the root ball.

PLANTING AND UNWRAPPING

To help newly transplanted trees thrive, cut away the burlap or netting around the roots. Wash the roots with a hose, knocking off most of the potting material. Avoid damaging the fine root hairs that break very easily. Fill in the hole with soil (backfill) without covering the top of the root ball. Pack the soil down to eliminate air holes and stabilize the plant.

WATER

You may add some water to the backfill soil to further settle the soil.

