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You Dig! Tree Planting Guide

If a tree or shrub is to grow in your yard and you are the one who's planting it, be sure to have a good shovel and a lot of "arm power."

● **IT IS IMPORTANT** to make the hole plenty big enough so that the roots are not crowded. Dig the planting hole about a foot wider than the distance the roots spread, and make it at least a foot deeper than needed.

● **DISCARD ABOUT HALF** the soil you remove from the hole and mix peat moss with the remaining soil. Put a thick layer of this mixture in the bottom of the hole, then position the tree in the hole so it is at the same level as it was growing before and so it looks its best from the direction most people will be seeing it.

● **LARGE TREES** and all evergreens should be moved with a ball of earth around their roots. However smaller trees and most shrubs can be moved with bare roots. Care must be taken to keep the roots protected so they do not dry out. Keep them covered with damp straw, burlap or even damp newspapers.

● **FILL THE SOIL MIXTURE** in around the roots until the hole is half filled. Use your fingers to work the soil down around the roots.

● **NEXT POUR** on a bucket of water to help settle the soil around the roots. Then finish filling the hole. Press the dirt down around the roots by stepping firmly but gently on the soft soil while the tree is held to keep it upright.

● **MOUND SOME SURPLUS SOIL** around the edge of the hole to form a basin or "saucer" around the tree. Then water very thoroughly. The "saucer" keeps the water where it is needed.

● **PLAN TO WATER** the tree thoroughly every week throughout the spring and summer. The soil should not be constantly soggy; let it dry out a bit between soakings.

● **FERTILIZER SHOULD NOT** be used in the planting hole because it may burn the tender roots. Later in the season, you may want to add some.

● **STAKING MAY BE NECESSARY** to keep the tree vertical until its roots have taken hold.

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