

## OUR PLANTING RECOMMENDATIONS

### Container and Balled & Burlapped



#### Gather Your Planting Supplies

Bring a breathable tarp when you pickup your plants, all foliage requires covering in transit to avoid burning. Minimum Tools & Supplies for planting: Shovel, pickaxe, pruners, wheelbarrow, compost, fertilizer, mulch, tree stakes and water.



#### Dig Your Planting Pit

Dig the planting hole a few inches deeper & 12 inches wider than the root ball or container. Please err on the shallow side!



#### Mulch For Moisture, Fertilize For Growth

Remove container and score circling roots, **Do Not remove wire basket or burlap.**

Place plant in pit at correct elevation. Take great care to be sure that the top of the roots are located slightly above existing grade. Cut off twine & excess burlap on top for water penetration. Amend backfill soil with compost to 30% compost, 70% native soil. Pack soil around root ball very firmly, leaving no air spaces.

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#### Stake Your Trees Appropriately

Once you are sure tree is securely planted at the correct elevation, evaluate the appropriate level of staking that will be required. Factors such as amount of wind, looseness of soil, height of tree, firmness of root ball, should all be considered when staking your tree. Three point staking is good for evergreens and larger trees,

whereas a single stake situated near the trunk will be fine for smaller plants. Use some masking tape or used women's nylons to secure a smaller tree to the stake.



#### Healthy Water & Fertilized Regularly

Be sure to care for your plants everyday for the first year.

Place 3-4" of mulch to hold in moisture. Fertilize twice each spring, 6 weeks apart- first when you begin spring cleaning & pruning.

Insects and Diseases: Generally attack plants that are under stress.

Proper fertilizing and watering will prevent most attacks!



# MANDY'S SPRING NURSERY



We recommend that you plant with Espoma™ and Moo-Doo Organic Products!

Compost your soil, Fertilize there roots and mulch your planting bed! And don't forget to throw in the obligatory worm!

### Bare-Root Nursery Stock

1. Bare root plants are easy to transport and plant. Please bring blankets and we will help you bundle the roots and wrap them up for transport. We also recommend using mulch to cover the roots while transporting in your truck or trailer. We carry several types of mulch and compost suitable for this purpose.

**Please- Roots must not dry-out or they will die!**

2. A good compost is highly recommended to amend your soil at the planting location. We recommend Moo Plant™ compost; 10 lbs per shrub, and 30-40 lbs per tree, depending on the tree size. Be careful not to plant too deep; roots like to be spread out on the surface so they can breath. Note: Please don't bury the graft union on fruit trees! **Plant bare-root plants as soon as possible.**

3. Fertilize the soil around the roots. We recommend mycorrhizae, Plant & Tree Tone™ fertilizers because they are excellent non-burning organic plant foods.

4. Staking is essential for most bare root trees. Staking stops the new hair roots from breaking & allows the tree to establish roots faster. Typically, one 1"x 6" stake tied close to trunk is recommended.

5. Mulch your new plants generously. Place mulch 3-4" deep to help hold moisture in and to keep weeds away from plant base. We recommend trunk tree guards the first few winters.

6. Water as needed to keep the soil moist. Please contact us if no signs of plant life appear before 2 weeks have passed after order pick up! This will insure credit & replacement. Some plants may require sweating to push buds, please see store staff for more information.

We replace dead plants one time only, subject to availability, or give you a credit which can be used on another plant purchase. Improperly installed and cared for plants are excluded from guarantee, AND WE CAN TELL!

**Instead, Lets Work Together! Happy Planting!**