

Tree Planting Instructions

Thank you for purchasing a tree from Windmill Heights Garden Center! Trees add value and beauty to our world, and we're excited for you to enjoy this tree for many years to come. Planting a tree is fun and rewarding. Just follow these instructions, and then flip to the back page for a watering guide and checklist. Just check off the steps as you go!

- Choose a location. Keep in mind the final size of the tree - don't plant under power lines or too near the house!
- Water the tree thoroughly before planting.
- Dig hole as deep as the root-ball and twice as wide.
- If your soil is poor and you want to amend it soil, use compost or topsoil blend. Usually 1 or 2 bags is sufficient. We do not recommend "potting soil" or peat moss for this purpose.
- Plant the tree so that the top of the root-ball is 1 inch higher than the surrounding natural soil.
- Crumble the soil and fill in the hole. Gently press down to push out the air gaps.
- Mulch the tree with at least 3 bags of soil, at a depth of 2 inches minimum, extending out at least 2 feet away from the trunk. Mulch helps kill weeds and keeps the soil from drying out.
- Stake the tree **ONLY** if the tree is in danger of being blown over. Remove staking after 2 months.
- In areas with deer or rabbits, a wire or plastic guard may be needed to prevent them from damaging the stem. Make sure there is sufficient room for the trunk to grow and expand. Check twice a year, and remove when the tree bark has gained strength (usually when the trunk is 4 inches in diameter)
- Water immediately with at least 5 gallons of water. Fertilizer is not necessary; we generally like to wait until the second year to fertilize.
- Water diligently following our tree watering checklist (See back page)

Our Tree and Shrub Guarantee

Your ultimate success and satisfaction is our utmost goal. We guarantee our trees and shrubs for 1 complete year, from time of purchase, provided our planting instructions are followed. We cannot honor our guarantee if the tree was not properly planted, mulched, and watered. Should your tree die, please take photos of it planted in the landscape, and bring this sheet back. We may ask to inspect the tree, so please don't dispose of it until we resolve the issue. We will replace the tree, or issue you store credit. If you have any additional questions on caring for your new tree, please see one of our team members.

Watering Checklist (Pick only 1 column based on time of year)	Tree planted in Spring or Summer	Tree planted in Fall (starting Sept 1)
How much to water:	Provide at least 3 gallons of water each watering! If it rains, skip 1 day.	Provide at least 3 gallons of water each watering! If it rains, skip 2 days.
First Week:	Water Every Day <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Water Every Day <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Second Week:	Water Every Day <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Water Every Other Day <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Third Week:	Water Every Other Day <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Water Every Other Day <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Fourth Week:	Water Every Other Day <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Water 2 Times <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Fifth Week:	Water 3 Times <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Water 2 Times <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Sixth Week Onwards:	Water Once a Week For the next 6 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Water Once a Week For the next 4 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Please keep this checklist, we will ask to see it should the tree die		

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