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# PLANTING GUIDE BASICS

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Ensure success with proper planting.



## The Highlights

### Balled & Burlapped

#### Check for wire basket

The wire basket can remain on the root ball but bend down the first 1/3 of the wire. Any burlap below ground level can be left on. Any material that is not natural needs to be sliced and the bottom and removed from the top.

### Soil Amendments

#### Soil can't be approved after planting

Good organic soil is the key to vigorous root system. Amend clay soils with Best Feeds Soil Conditioner to develop rich well drained soil. Add peat moss to rocky soil. Mix any amendments with native soil.

### Watering

#### Poor watering causes plant failure .

The limited root system of new plants will cause it to dry out faster than established plants. Water at the base of the plant, not the leaves. Water at a slow pace, let the water seep in. Water down to 4"-6", but don't over water. 10-15 minute downpours seldom soak the soil, you may need to water after a rain.

### Fertilizing

#### Very Important

Root stimulant will promote the growth of the main root and hair roots. Broadcast fertilizer on top of soil for spring and late fall planting. A slow release granular fertilizer such as Osmocote. Use Holly-tone for acid loving plants like most evergreens and dogwoods. Use Plant Tone for other garden needs.

## THE DETAILS

### Planting Nursery Stock

Dig a hole twice as wide as the root ball but no bigger than the height of the root ball. Remove plants from plastic container but if roots are wrapped in burlap, plant directly. Make sure root crown is above the soil around it.

Fill area around root ball with amended soil and fertilizer mix and press firmly around root. Water thoroughly to settle soil. Then finish filling hole with soil. Make sure soil slopes away from the root crown.

Apply mulch about 2" thick to retain moisture and retard weed growth. Create a water retention mulch ring around plant and water 2-3 times per

week. Water early in the morning or early evening.

### Plant Guarantee

Guarantees are void without receipt and defective plant. Present original sales receipt and plant for credit. A credit, where due will be given and can be applied toward a replacement plant or any other product.

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