



How to Plant Your Tree

Here are some of our top tips for how to plant and care for your tree:

1. **Choose the right location:** Select a location for planting the tree that is appropriate for the species. We suggest checking out the [Network of Nature database](#) to learn more about specific species and the growing conditions they prefer. Don't forget to check for any overhead obstructions like power lines and ensure that there's enough space for the tree to grow to its full potential.
2. **Choose the right time:** It's best to choose early mornings, evenings, and rainy days to do your planting and we recommend trying to plant the tree as soon after purchase as possible. The best transplanting time is early spring (before the leaf buds open) or late fall (after deciduous leaves have fallen). Try to avoid transplanting seedlings under the hot sun.
3. **Dig a hole:** The hole should be slightly larger than the root ball of the tree. Use a shovel or a digging tool to dig a hole in the ground to the same depth as the root ball, but make it at least two times wider.
4. **Prepare the soil:** Native trees prefer well-drained soil that is rich in organic matter. Mix some compost into the soil at the bottom of the hole and break up any large clumps of soil to ensure that the roots can penetrate easily.
5. **Remove the tree from its container:** Carefully remove the tree from its container by tipping it over and gently pulling the container off the root. We use a growing system that uses air pruning to avoid the trees becoming root-bound, but it is still a good idea to gently tease the roots apart to encourage them to grow into the surrounding soil.
6. **Place the tree plug in the hole:** Place the tree in the center of the hole and make sure that it is level with the surrounding soil.



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7. **Backfill the hole:** Fill the hole around the tree with the soil mixture that was removed earlier. Tamp down the soil gently around the base of the tree to remove any air pockets.

8. **Water the tree:** Water the newly planted tree immediately after planting, and then continue to water it regularly for the first few weeks until it is established. Use a hose or watering can to give the tree a deep watering.

9. **Mulch the area:** Cover the area around the tree with a 2-3 inch layer of mulch. Mulching helps to retain soil moisture, suppress weed growth, and regulate soil temperature.

10. **Maintain the tree:** Check the tree regularly for the first few weeks to make sure that it's growing well. For the first few years, give your trees a good soak during dry spells and monitor it for any signs of disease or pests. For the first two years keep the competition down around the base of the tree, removing weeds and ensuring the tree has plenty of light and moisture. Stake if necessary, but don't encourage reliance on wires or other structures and consider fencing or other protections if grazing wildlife is a concern.

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