

# PLANTING AND CARING FOR SEEDLINGS

## STORAGE

- Seedlings are packaged in wet moss to prevent drying out so keep the bags closed until you are ready to plant. Don't stack the bags.
- Store seedlings in a cool place, out of the sun. Ideal temperature is 40-60 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Do not allow seedlings to freeze.

## WHEN TO PLANT

- We recommend planting from December through March to early April.
- Plant in soil that has good moisture, but not saturated.
- Avoid planting in dry or windy conditions or when the ground is frozen.



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## HOW TO PLANT

- While planting bare root seedlings, open one bag at a time and reclose immediately after removing seedlings. Remove only a handful at a time and use care when separating roots.
- While planting containerized seedlings, make sure container soil is moist but not saturated before planting. REMOVE EACH SEEDLING FROM ITS CONTAINER BEFORE PLANTING.
- Dig a hole deep enough to accommodate the entire root system and don't cramp the roots.
- Plant root collar at or slightly below ground level and pack soil firmly, leaving no air pockets.

## AFTER PLANTING

- Water seedlings thoroughly.
- Spread mulch two inches deep, but not touching trunk.
- DO NOT use fertilizer, potting soil or chemicals on seedlings for two years.
- Water trees for first year, but avoid watering to the point of pooling at surface by using slow drip. Test soil by touch for moisture level.
- Weed control, mulch and watering will improve growth and survival rates.



## SCAN TO WATCH!

Watch a video on how to plant a seedling.

