

Planting Instructions

PLANTING CONTAINERIZED STOCK

Containerized stock is material that has been grown in a plastic container for more than 12 months.

- Water plant thoroughly in container
- Choose a site that is suitable for the plant in question
- Dig the hole twice the width of the container, and 15 to 20cm deeper than container
- Fill hole with approximately 1/3 peat moss, mix into existing soil
- Remove container from plant
- Cut roots from top to bottom on all four sides of root ball to encourage strong root development
- Place plant in hole at same depth as in container
- Backfill with remainder of existing soil, add additional peat moss if required
- Pack soil, leaving soil around base of plant slightly higher than edges, allowing water to run to edges where it is needed most
- Water thoroughly, apply mulch around base of plant

PLANTING SPRING POTTED STOCK

Spring potted stock is material that has been field grown, then potted into a fibre pot in early spring.

- Water plant thoroughly in container
- Choose a site that is suitable for the plant in question
- Dig the hole twice the width of the container, and twice the depth of the container
- Fill hole with approximately 1/3 peat moss, mix into existing soil
- With sharp knife, cut sides of fibre pot from top to bottom, remove upper rim of pot, remove bottom of pot
- Place plant into hole at the same depth as in fibre pot, if plant is grafted, ensure graft is 5cm below soil
- Backfill with remainder of existing soil, add additional peat moss if required
- Pack soil, leaving soil around base of plant slightly higher than edges, allowing water to run to edges where it is needed most
- Water thoroughly, apply mulch around base of plant

PLANTING BARE ROOT STOCK

Bare root stock is material that has been field grown, then harvested and sold in a bare root form with only a trace of remaining soil on root system.

- Do not let roots become dry, keep moist until planting
- Choose a site that is suitable for the plant in question
- Dig the hole twice the width of the root system and at same depth
- Fill hole with approximately 1/3 peat moss, mix into existing soil
- Place plant into hole at the same depth as in field, if plant is grafted, ensure graft is 5cm below soil, ensure roots are allowed to assume their normal position
- Backfill with remainder of existing soil, add additional peat moss if required
- Pack soil, leaving soil around base of plant slightly higher than edges, allowing water to run to edges where it is needed most
- Water thoroughly, apply mulch around base of plant

PLANTING BALLED AND BURLAPPED STOCK

Balled and burlapped stock is material that has been field grown, then harvested with soil encompassing the rootball, wrapped in a burlap wrap. This is usually done by machine, sometimes still by hand. On large items a wire cage will surround the burlap wrapped rootball to keep roots and soil in place. String is used to secure the rootball.

- Ensure rootball has adequate moisture
- Choose a site that is suitable for the plant in question
- Dig the hole twice the width of the root system and at same depth
- Fill hole with approximately 1/3 peat moss, mix into existing soil
- Place plant into hole at the same depth as in field, do not attempt to remove wire cage or burlap
- Remove string and burlap around top of rootball only
- Backfill with remainder of existing soil, add additional peat moss if required
- Pack soil, leaving soil around base of plant slightly higher than edges, allowing water to run to edges where it is needed most
- Water thoroughly, apply mulch around base of plant

STAKING NEWLY PLANTED MATERIAL

Newly planted trees will benefit from being staked for the first year. Shrubs will not require staking.