


HOW TO PLANT A TREE!



PROPER PLANTING WILL HELP YOUR TREES NOT JUST SURVIVE, BUT THRIVE!

Proper Tree Planting Step by Step:

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- ✓ Dig a hole twice the width and the same depth of the tree's root ball.
 - ✓ Ensure the bottom of the whole is level and firm.
 - ✓ Remove the tree from the container by gently pressing the sides of the container.
 - ✓ Loosen the root ball, allowing roots to spread and to remove circling roots.
 - ✓ Locate the root flare by brushing away soil from around the trunk until the the first roots growing from the trunk are visible.
 - ✓ Place the root ball in the hole and ensure the root flare is level with the ground surface. Adjust your hole as needed.
 - ✓ Making sure your tree is standing straight, begin to backfill with native soil. Do not put large rocks or vegetation in your planting backfill.
 - ✓ Gently pack backfilled soil around the root ball. Ensure soil is packed enough so that your tree can stand on its own, but do not compact the soil.
 - ✓ Water your tree until it is established.
 - ✓ Prune dead, damaged, or diseased branches.
 - ✓ Properly mulch your tree, ensuring mulch does not touch or pile up on the trunk.

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