

Fruit Tree Package Planting Instructions

Dig a hole the same depth as the tree is in the pot, and dig it 2-3 times wider. Pour a gallon of water into the hole so it is not dry. Mix half of the soil removed with local, alive compost: 2 parts soil with one part compost. Mix our mycorrhizae packet with 2 quarts to 1 gal of water in a watering can.

Take the fruit tree out of the pot and pull-tease the roots gently so they are not circling, but are free to grow into the surrounding soil. Then place the tree in the center of the hole and water the roots with the watering can mixed with mycorrhizae. Then fill the hole around the tree with the soil/compost mix and press the soil gently to make it firm.

Take the half of soil removed that was not mixed with compost and build a little berm around the hole so it will hold water and water the tree 2 or 3 times until the soil seems saturated. Then fill the bermed area with 2" of mulch, but leave space around the trunk so the mulch is not against the trunk.

You may put the plastic tree wrap around the trunk to protect it from animals and lawn mowing equipment.

If you are using the rubber tree mat, place it around the tree before building your berm and if you are planting in lawn, lay the mat where you want the tree to be and use a knife to cut around the mat as deep as the grass, and then use a shovel to remove the grass. Then dig the hole.

There is no need to stake a container-grown tree.