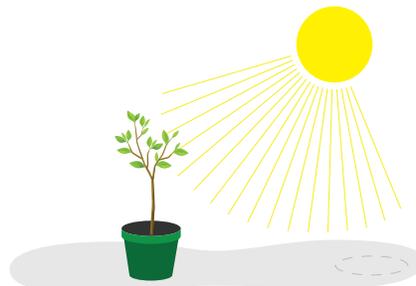


How to plant and care for your tree



- 1 Upon arrival, carefully remove your plant from the shipping box and water.



- 2 Determine the best location for your tree.



- 3 Dig a hole twice the width and depth of the plant's root ball (soil-and-root mass).



- 4 Flip the plant upside down and gently remove the pot by pulling it up and away from the root ball. Recycle the pot.



- 5 Before transplanting, gently break up the root ball to encourage root growth.



- 6 Place plant into hole and fill with loose soil until the top of the root ball is level with the ground.



- 7 Water the plant generously.



- 8 Monitor the growth of your tree. Maintain moist soil, remove weeds and enjoy!

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Growing results may vary by region.

Watering: Sufficient watering is a must! Try not to let the soil completely dry out. You may have to water every few days if rainfall does not occur. Overwatering can be as damaging as underwatering. Be sure the area surrounding your tree has enough drainage to avoid standing water. Watering thoroughly in late Fall will enhance your tree's cold tolerance through Winter.



Mulching: Apply a 2 to 4-in. layer of shredded bark, compost, leaves, straw or other organic matter around your tree to promote moisture retention, maintain even soil temperatures and discourage weed growth. Replenish the mulch as needed.



Pruning: Remove any branches that become overlapped, damaged or unsightly. To ensure your tree keeps its form, remove any growth that appears on the trunk below the main branches and any growth coming up from the root area.



Weeding: Keep the area around your tree free of weeds. Weeds compete with surrounding plants for food, water and light. If weeds grow around your plant, pull them, including roots, as soon as they appear.



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