



PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS *10 STEPS TO SUCCESS*

1. Dig a hole 2x larger than the diameter of root ball or pot and 4"-6" deeper.
2. Prepare special planting mixture of 1/2 soil, 1/2 peat moss, and recommended amount of granular or starter fertilizer.
3. If plant is in plastic pot remove and examine roots. If roots appear pot bound (tightly woven together), score with knife and loosen with your hands. This promotes outward growth of roots which is essential to the continued life of the plant.
4. Plants purchased with root ball wrapped in burlap (B&B) must be handled in a careful manner. Dropping the root ball may cause severe damage. If not planting immediately, keep root ball well watered. Only remove burlap if instructed.
5. When planting trees or shrubs with wire basket on root ball, place entire plant in properly dug hole. Cut strings from around trunk of tree. **DO NOT REMOVE WIRE BASKET** unless instructed by nurseryman.
6. Fill extra depth of hole so top of ball is 1" above ground level. If root ball has burlap, loosen and fold back from plant into hole. **Caution: Do not plant deeper than it was in the nursery.** Death may result.
7. Fill hole halfway with special planting mixture. Tamp with foot to remove large air pockets. Thoroughly water with plant starter mixture. Continue filling hole to ground level with soil mixture and tamp firmly. Water again with plant starter mixture.
8. Mulch all plants to retain moisture and to retard weed growth.
9. Water according to instructions on reverse.
10. Feed all plants accordingly to nurseryman's recommendations and follow winterizing instructions.



Post Installation Care

Water is essential to any new planting. Without it the plants simply will not survive. Sufficient quantities of water should be applied daily during the first week then reduced to every 2-3 days for the remainder of the first month. After the first month, water periodically to maintain all plants in a healthy condition. If you cannot personally adhere to this schedule, it is important to find a friend or neighbor who can water for you. Another option is to set up sprinklers with timers that will water automatically in your absence. Weather conditions will also effect how often to water. During rainy periods watering may be reduced or skipped for several days. During hot dry periods the frequency of watering will have to be increased. Be sure to water thoroughly so that it penetrates deep into the root zone. A hand held hose or drip irrigation is recommended.

IMPORTANT: Overwatering can be as detrimental as not enough water. Weather conditions and soil type will vary the proper amount of water necessary. Check the soil at a depth of 2-3” with your hand to see if water should be applied.

Since fertilizer is incorporated into the soil at the time of planting, additional applications should not be necessary until the following growing season. However, if a plant shows signs of stress, an application of a water soluble fertilizer such as Miracle Gro or Miracid will help it retain its vigor.

All living plants are subject to attack by insects and diseases. It is important to identify and control these attacks at an early stage to minimize any damage. Should you notice any problems, bring a sample of both a healthy and affected branch to our nearest Garden Center so that our staff can identify the problem and suggest the proper treatment.



NOTE: The treatment is your responsibility. Chestnut Hill Nursery will not make any chemical applications.

Remember... *plants are living things!* Proper cultural care is important to keep your plants strong and healthy. Protect your investment and help us honor our guarantee by following these few simple instructions.