

HOW TO PLANT

HUMBER NURSERIES "GREEN THUMB GUIDE"



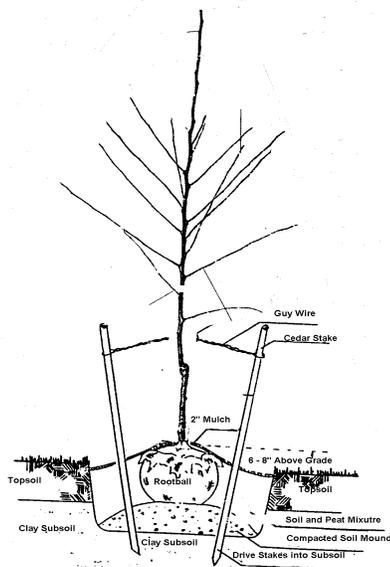
HELPFUL HINTS ON HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY PLANT NEWLY PURCHASED NURSERY STOCK.

Your new plants should be installed as soon as possible. If there is going to be a delay, then it is important to guard against moisture loss. Store your plants in a shady location protected from the wind and keep the root area evenly moist.

Handle plants gently and use the container or root ball to move the plant. Never hold onto the plant itself. Be sure to place your plants in their preferred growing environment for best results.

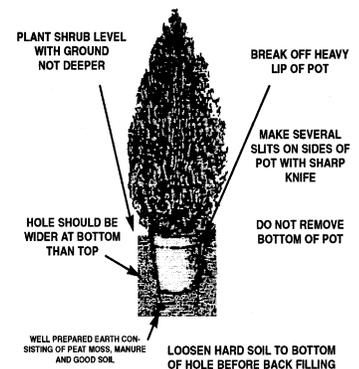
Balled and Burlap

Many trees, shrubs, and evergreens have their root ball wrapped in burlap and secured with string or rope. Large sizes may have the ball contained in a wire basket. These must be planted just the way they are: burlap, rope, and wire basket too. Fill around the ball with a good soil mix to three quarters full and water thoroughly, then untie all string/rope from the trunk or stems. Fold back the burlap and ropes and tuck them down and out of sight. If there is a wire basket, fold back the loops and push them down, leaving the wire basket hidden, but in place. Add more good soil mix to fill the hole. Water again using a root stimulating transplant fertilizer. Dress the planting area with mulch to conserve moisture. Trees should be staked securely for one full year.



SIZE OF PLANTING HOLE

We recommend digging the planting hole at least twice the width of the root ball to allow for soil enrichments before planting. When planting large, heavy balls, the soil at the bottom of the hole should be left solid to prevent the tree from settling lower. The top level of the root ball should be the same as it was grown, or up to 8 cm (3") higher (see illustration).



HOW TO HANDLE VARIOUS PLANT CONTAINERS

Fibre Pots

PLEASE LEAVE THE POT ON! This is extremely important and serves to keep the root zone intact until the plant becomes established. These pots are made of paper which will eventually rot away in the soil and yet are readily penetrated by healthy plant roots. Break the pot rim down to the soil level and make three cuts halfway up from the bottom. **DO NOT REMOVE THE BOTTOM OF THE POT.** Fill in around the pot with a good soil mix, such as Humber 3-in-1 Mix. Water thoroughly with a root stimulating transplant fertilizer.

Plastic Pots

Water thoroughly before removing the container (Figure A). If lightly tapping on the sides and bottom does not release the soil, make two cuts the length of the pot on opposite sides and gently pull away the halves (Figure B). Use your fingers or a knife to gently loosen and spread exposed roots that appear crowded. To free very matted or circling roots, make several vertical cuts ½ to 1 inch deep through the root mass.

Figure A: Removing the container.

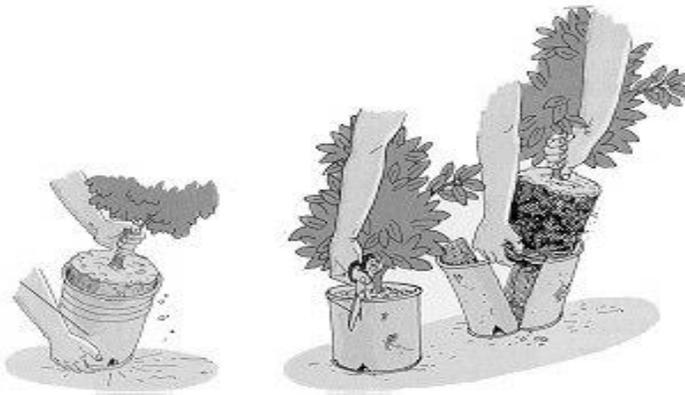
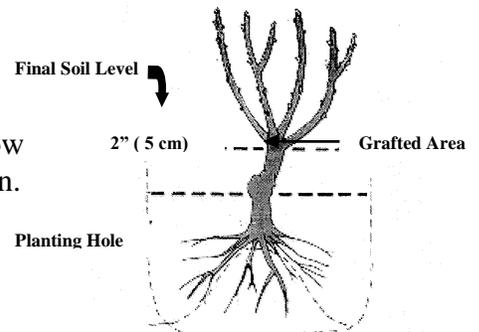


Figure B: Cutting away the container and removing the plant.

ROSES

Roses may be in fibre or plastic pots. Since most roses are grafted or budded onto a root stock, the grafted area (which will be the swollen area just below where the stems originate) must be planted 2 inches below the final soil level. Most roses will benefit from this increased protection.

For **Rhododendrons, Azaleas** and other **Evergreens**, increase the amount of sphagnum peat moss used to half of the overall mix.



Peaches, nectarines and cherries demand excellent fast drainage. **DO NOT PLANT IN WET AREAS. DO NOT OVER WATER.**

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