

# Plant Care

## Watering:

Plants should be slowly soaked to a depth of 3-4 inches, which is about an inch of rain per week. This is required for the first year or two. Let the hose run slowly at the base of the plant until the water has penetrated evenly around the roots. This can be done up to 3 times per week, throughout the summer months. Too much water can be a problem. Feel the soil. If it is wet, do not add water. Frequent light watering is not as good as a thorough soaking once per week.

## Insects & Diseases:

Keep an eye out for holes, curling, brown leaves or needles. This could be a sign of insect or disease. Please contact us for help with diagnosis and treatment strategies.

## Pruning:

Pruning at time of planting helps to reduce leaf surface to match cut roots. Remove a few smaller twigs. Do not cut back the main trunk or larger branches. If shaping is necessary, trim side branches enough to get uniformity.

## Fertilizing:

The Bio-tone Starter Plus added to the backfill will be all that is required initially. Feed your plants spring and fall with Espoma "Tone" plant foods.

## Acid Loving Plants:

Azaleas, holly, dogwoods and rhododendrons require well-drained, acid soils. Use Holly-tone to lower soil pH at time of planting.



# RETAIL PLANT GUARANTEE

Trees and Shrubs Purchased at Seoane's Garden Center are guaranteed for **One Year** from the date of purchase. They will be replaced **Once**, or a merchandise credit for the full purchase price will be issued **Once**, if:

- **You have a printed receipt! No replacement or credit will be issued without a printed receipt.**
- They are purchased at full retail price. Plants purchased on sale are not eligible for replacement or merchandise credit.
- They fail completely.
- They are planted in a timely fashion (up to 10 days, must be stored in shade and watered daily prior to planting).
- They are planted according to our Planting Guidelines and are watered according to our recommendations (Provided at the time of purchase).

*All claims are at the sole discretion of Seoane's Garden Center*

## PLANT GUARANTEE DOES NOT COVER:

- Plants purchased at a discount of 20% or more.
- Annuals, perennials, roses, sod, vegetables, houseplants, tropicals, vines, grasses, and live or cut Christmas trees.
- Plants planted in containers such as window boxes, planters, etc.
- Plants damaged by insects, diseases, or animals.
- Plants that do not flower.
- Plants damaged by conditions beyond our control such as improper planting, insufficient care, extreme weather, winter die back or breakage, fire, or accidents.
- Plants that have suffered in appearance but are capable of recovering with proper care (Consult our Staff).
- Plants that are transplanted.
- Plants that have been previously replaced.

## CUSTOMER REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE:

If at any time you have a question to the condition of a plant purchased at Seoane's Garden Center, please contact us for instructions to remedy the problem Tel: (781) 878-1306.

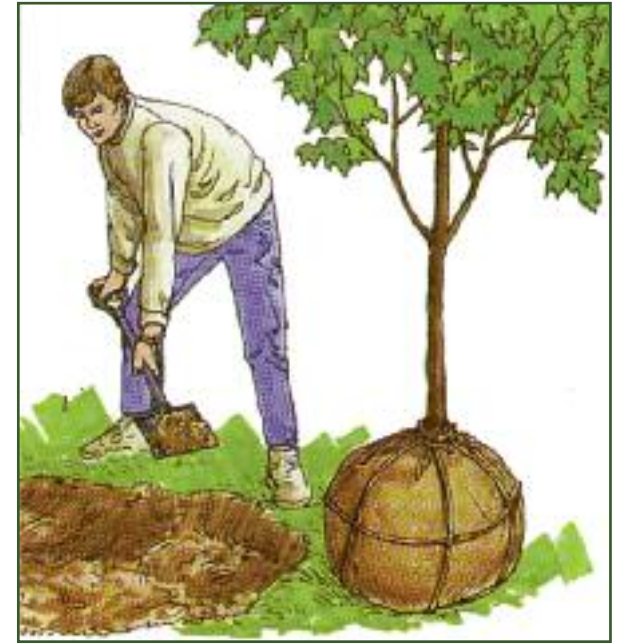
If determined that replacement is required, you must provide us with your **original sales receipt and the plant**. (At no time will we accept credit card receipts/ statements or canceled checks). **Please Do not dig up and return plants unless we instruct you to do so. Thank you!**



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# A Guide to Planting Trees & Shrubs



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# Step 1

## Soil Preparation

Dig hole 50% wider and only as deep as the root ball. Prepare soil by mixing 2/3 existing soil, 1/3 Planting Mix, add Bio-tone Starter Plus to encourage root growth and mix thoroughly.



# Step 2a

## Container Grown Trees & Shrubs

a.) Remove plant from container.



b.) Plant roots may be restricted by the container shape. Loosen the roots all the way around, even on the bottom. Use a knife or shear if required. Gently pull apart.



c.) Center plant in hole 1 to 2 inches above grade.



d.) Backfill with amended soil 1/2 inch over rootball and pack firmly. Make a saucer of soil around the plant. Water deeply with a slow soaking.



e.) Apply a 2 inch mulch layer. Keep mulch 2 inches from plant's main trunk.

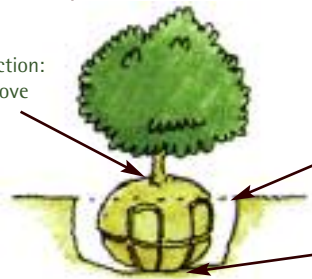


# Step 2b

## Balled & Burlapped Trees & Shrubs

a.) Roll the root ball and "steer" it into the hole. Center plant in the hole 1 to 2 inches above grade. Once the plant is properly placed, cut away and remove all visible rope and burlap. If the root ball appears in danger of completely collapsing, remove the rope and burlap from only the top 1/3 of the ball. Do not try to remove the wire basket by pulling the root ball out because the ball will likely be destroyed in the process.

Trunk flare junction:  
Plant 1"- 2" above existing grade.

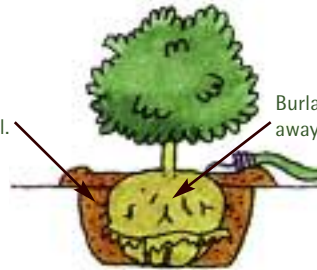


Existing grade.

Rootball should sit directly on top of undisturbed soil.

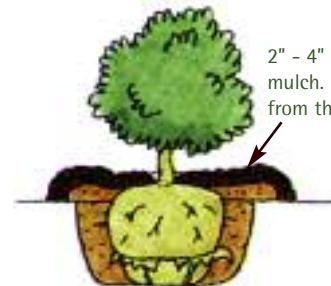
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Burlap, rope, and wire cut away from "visible" ball.

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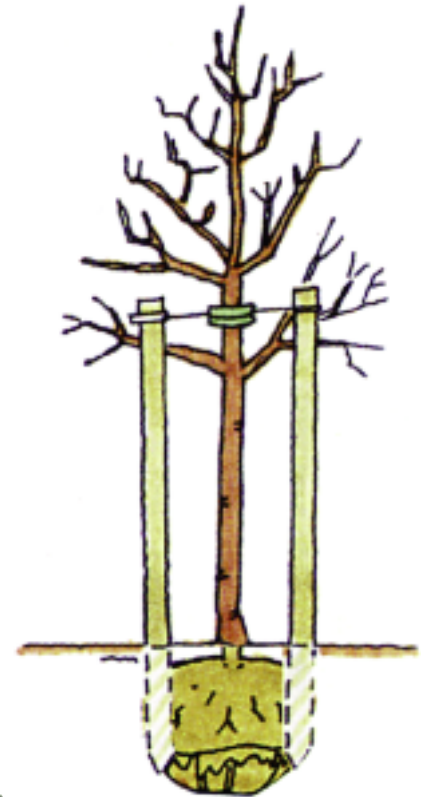


2" - 4" layer of bark mulch. Keep away from the trunk.

# Step 3

## Staking Trees

Some trees tend to lean. Use wires secured to anchor stakes in firm ground (not the root ball). Where the wires contact the tree, use a hose segment to prevent damage. Complete kits are available at Seoane's Garden Center.



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