



## Planting Your Tree

### A step by step guide to planting your tree.

#### Tools required.

Spade, Fork, Post hammer or rammer,

#### Products

Stake kit, sufficient rootgrowth, compost, horse manure, bark

Notes before planting.

**Container grown** trees: If the soil feels dry give a good watering before planting in the ground. You can tease out the roots before putting the tree in the prepared hole.

**Bare root** trees: Soak in a bucket of water before planting. You may need to trim the roots, doing so on a bare root tree will aid the absorbing of water into the roots.

- Step 1      Dig a hole approximately 2 6"ft (0.75m) square by a spade deep
- Step 2      Fork the bottom of the hole to loosen the soil
- Step 3      Insert the stake, make sure the stake is windward. This will ensure the wind will hit the stake before your new tree. Knock in the stake by approximately 1/3.
- Step 4      Cover the bottom of the hole with some well rotted horse manure. Make sure the manure is not fresh or is still green (it should not have any form or odour).
- Step 5      Position the tree against the stake and loosely tie with the tree tie. Remember to ensure the graft union on the tree is not below ground Level, and is some 6 inches above the finished hole level.

- Step 6 Apply the rootgrow product to the roots of the tree. This can be spinkled over the roots and as the roots become wet the rootgrow will adhere to the roots.
- Step 7 Cover the roots with compost.
- Step 8 Back fill the hole with a mix of the soil removed and compost firm down as you go.
- Step 9 Once firm retie the tree tie to ensure the tree is secure. Do not over tighten the strap.
- Step 10 Remove the turf around the hole by at least a further 6 inches on all sides. No more than 2 inches deep
- Step 11 Apply a good bark at least 2 inches deep around the entire hole.