

# TREE PLANTING GUIDE

## TOOLS REQUIRED

Spade, fork, post hammer or rammer

## PRODUCTS

Stake kit, rootgrow, compost, horse manure, bark.

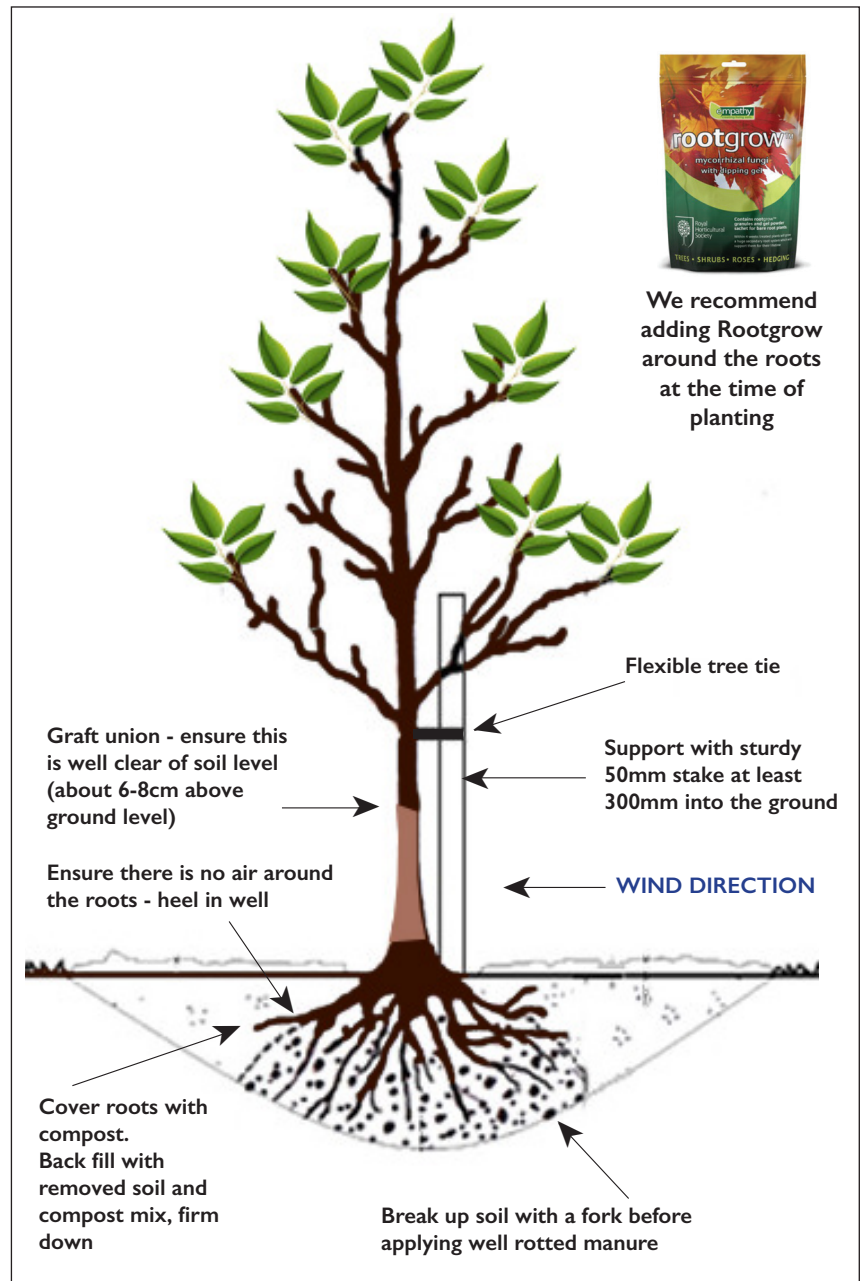
## NOTES BEFORE PLANTING

**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 roots 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.

## Do NOT plant in frozen or waterlogged soil

1. Dig a hole approx 0.75m square
2. Fork the bottom of the hole to loosen the soil.
3. Insert the stake, make sure the stake is in windward. This will ensure the wind will hit the stake before the tree. Knock the stake in by approximately one third.
4. Cover the bottom of the hole with some well rotted horse manure.
5. Position the tree against the stake and loosely tie with the tree tie. Remember to ensure that graft union is about 6-8 centimetres above ground level.
6. Apply rootgrow to the roots of the tree.
7. Cover the roots with compost.
8. Back fill the hole with a mix of the removed soil and compost. Firm down.
9. Once firm, adjust the tree tie to ensure the tree is secure. Do not over-tighten.
10. Remove the turf around the hole by at least another 10cm on all sides, no more than 5cm deep.
11. Apply a good covering of chipped bark at least 5cm deep around the entire hole.



**KEEP AN AREA APPROXIMATELY ONE SQUARE METRE FREE FROM GRASS, WEEDS AND ALL PLANTS**