

SEEDLING PLANTING TIPS

Your seedlings are packaged with root gel and mulch. Root gel will hold moisture in the root zone during storage, planting and the first few months in the ground. There are a number of important things to keep in mind to ensure maximum survival of your seedlings.

1. Seedlings should be planted as soon as possible, preferably within two days of pick-up.
2. Keep your seedlings moist and stored in a cool dark area until planting. **If you choose to soak your seedlings, we recommend soaking for no more than 30 minutes. We have already root dipped all species.** If there will be a delay of more than a few days, seedlings should be planted in a shallow trench and covered with moist soil.
3. Transport and handle seedlings carefully, avoiding root damage.



4. Plant seedlings so the crown is level with the surface of the ground, making sure that all roots are in the hole and covered. Place the roots straight down the hole in a natural arrangement. Do not bunch, spiral, double-over or bend roots.



5. Using your toe, press down on the soil around the seedling to remove air pockets.



6. Mulch or use landscaping fabric to conserve moisture, reduce competition from weeds, and minimize extreme temperatures in the root zone.
7. Consider tree shelters for hardwood trees. Tree shelters reduce moisture stress, help you locate the seedlings, and protect from mice, rabbits and deer.
8. Carefully water your seedlings regularly or as needed. Reduce competition from surrounding grass and weeds by mowing or hand-pulling.

USE THIS CALENDAR TO REMIND YOU WHEN TO PICK UP YOUR TREE ORDER!

“Remind-Assist”- Please save and post in a visible location! SWCD Tree Order Pick-up/Distribution Schedule

April 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19-20 Tree and Shrub Distribution at the Monroe County ecopark 9:00am—6:00pm		21 Overstock Sale 10:00am—2:00pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Tree distribution will be at the Monroe County ecopark located at 10 Avion Drive Rochester, NY 14624
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