

American Plum (*Prunus americana*)

(1 yr 10-20") A small tree growing from 10 to 30 feet tall, American plum produces fruit an inch in diameter which is a valuable wildlife food source. Maryland native, Pollinator friendly, and great for stabilizing the soil.

Where to plant: Full Sun | Clay, Loamy, and/or Sandy Soils

How to plant:

1. Soak the roots in a bucket for 1–2 hours prior to planting to rehydrate them.
2. Dig a hole twice as wide and as deep as the root system.
3. Mix in compost and/or fertilizer (follow packaging instructions).
4. Mound the soil.
5. Provide temporary support.
6. Mulching is beneficial so long as no mulch touches the trunk or stem.
7. Rule of thumb for watering: For the first month or so, if there's been no rain for 3 days, water the tree by hand, gradually extending watering to once a week.

For best success, do this throughout the hot summer. By the time cooler temps arrive in fall, the root system should be established well enough to get sufficient water from the ground.

