

## Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*)

(1 yr 10-20") A large tree that may reach 100 feet. Black cherry provides valuable timber, wildlife food and habitat. Maryland native. Pollinator friendly. Maryland native and pollinator friendly.

**Where to plant:** Thrives in full sun; tolerates part shade | Thrives in moist but well-drained soil; tolerates loam and sandy loam; avoid consistently wet or poorly drained sites. | Space 15–20 feet from other trees.

### How to plant:

1. Dig a hole twice as wide and as deep as the root system.
2. Amend dug up soil with organic matter (compost) to improve drainage and fertility. (Follow any packaging instructions for fertilizer.)
3. Place seedling in the hole, ensuring its root collar (where the trunk meets the roots) is at ground level or slightly above.
4. Backfill hole with amended soil, gently firming it around the roots, then water thoroughly.
5. Mulching is beneficial for retaining moisture and reducing weeds, so long as no mulch touches the trunk or stem.
6. Rule of thumb for watering: For the first few weeks to a month or so, if there's been no rain for 3 days, water thoroughly 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.

