

How to care for Bare Root Fruit Trees

Before you plant:

- Keep roots covered with bark or soil to prevent them from drying out or freezing
- Maintain regular moisture on the roots
- Place in part shade until planted
- Best to plant before temps are consistently above 60 degrees F and/or before new growth begins.

HOW TO PLANT: (Full Sun Recommended)

- Dig hole to accommodate root size
- Mound up soil in the center and place roots, spread out, over the top
- Fill with proper soil amendment to encourage good drainage and nutrients. This should be mixed with your native soil.
- Bury roots just above the root flare and 2-3 inches below the graft. The graft should be visible at or above the soil line

PRUNING TIPS:

- Prune before new growth begins
- Shorten existing branches
- Cut top of tree to encourage more branching and/or to determine lowest branching height