

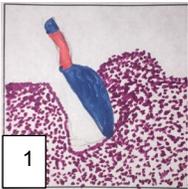


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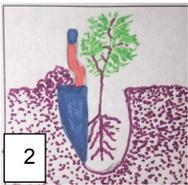
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR BABY TREE SEEDLING

CONGRATULATIONS on Your New Baby Tree Seedling!! Help me grow **BIG** for you by planting me very carefully by following the instructions below. I want to be your forever tree(s)!

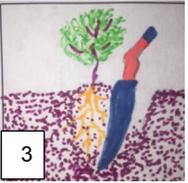
- ✓ **DO: Plant me immediately or as soon as possible, but not beyond 5 days of receipt.**
- ✓ **DO: Keep my roots cool and moist (no sun nor wind) until just prior to planting me in the ground.**
- XXX DO NOT: Allow my bare roots to dry or I will die. My roots can dry in less than a minute!**



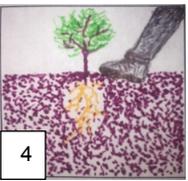
For best results, plant immediately! Your baby tree is fragile. If not planted immediately, keep roots moisture-wrapped in frig (35°-37° degrees) until planting **within 5 days**. Plant with **CARE**. Select your tool (e.g., trowel, shovel, dibble bar, mattock, hoedad). Measure the hole to ensure it is large and deep enough to **accommodate the entire fully extended root system**. Before planting be sure to remove any container or wrapping it may have arrived in.



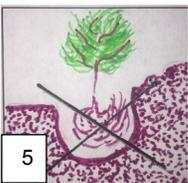
Remove seedling from packaging ONLY when hole is ready. Bare roots can die in as little as 30 seconds. Hold the tree centered over the hole so the tender bare roots are fully extended straight down within the hole, not twisted, or bent (J-rooted). The root collar needs to be just below the soil surface. **Roots must be fully extended.** If not, they will not drink water efficiently. That could cause it to possibly die or not develop proper root structure, which could make your tree structurally weak and susceptible to wind.



Still holding your seedling, begin to fill the hole, allowing the dirt to fall in around the roots. As you do this **gently tamp down the soil around the roots with your hands**. It may require two people. Continue to add soil and tamp it down. **Soil must be firmly packed around the roots** with the tree centered. If not, there could be air pockets that can dry out the roots causing the baby tree seedling to die or be weakly anchored in the ground, detrimental to its ability to grow strong and tall.



Continue to fill the hole and firm the soil with your heel **until hole is full and soil reaches the root collar**. **Give your baby tree a thorough watering after planting.** Over watering can be a problem. Give your trees a thorough **deep soaking every 7 to 10 days**. Then let the soil dry out before the next watering. This encourages the roots to grow down in search of water. **Beware of frequent shallow watering.** That can cause root growth near the surface resulting in trees being less windfirm. It is important to protect your baby tree(s) from animal damage.



What NOT to Do! This illustrates what is critical to **avoid** when planting your baby tree. The bare roots **must** be untangled, hanging straight down, and fully extended as you begin to fill the hole with dirt. Your baby tree will not survive if planted in this way.

THANK YOU! You are now part of creating a legacy for a generation of kids!