Fast Privacy Trees Planting Instructions

- **Keep trees in a fridge or cool/cold location inside a plastic bag until you are ready to plant within one week of receiving the trees/shrubs if possible.**
- **Soak roots 15-30 minutes before planting.**
- **Make sure the roots hang freely in the hole. It is perfectly fine to trim excessively long roots.**
- **Tamp the soil firmly back around the roots. Using the handle end of a shovel works well. Leave a small divot at the base of the tree for water to collect.**
- **Water at least twice per week with at least ½ gallon of water per watering.**
- **Fertilize with well-balanced fertilizer, e.g., 12-12-12. Fertilize at first signs of new growth and once again three weeks later.**
- **Adding mulch around each tree can reduce weed competition and help retain soil moisture but is not necessary.**
- **Suggested spacing for planting privacy screens:**
    - **Shrubs, Arborvitae, and Hybrid Willow & Poplars – 3-4' apart**
    - **Spruces – 6-7' apart**

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