

If you can't plant straight away DO NOT let your tree dry out in the pot - put it in the shade and water TWICE a day when warm as water will evaporate quickly in the pots.

\*\*\*\* SOIL PREPARATION IS VERY IMPORTANT \*\*\*\*

Dig your hole - it should be twice the width of the pot (eg. 30cm pot means a 60cm diameter hole, and the depth needs to be only a bit more than the size of the root ball. Width is more important as the roots grow outwards not down and you don't want water to pool below and make the roots too wet.

Mix ORGANIC COMPOST into the dug up soil (50:50 ratio if your soil is bad, less if better quality), this will add texture and nutrients and either break up clay soil or add structure to sandy soil.

If your soil is heavy clay also add some GYPSUM to break it up.

Remove the tree from the pot and loosen the roots with a gardening tool or your hands.

Gently lift the tree by the rootball and place it in the centre of the hole on firm soil.

Backfill the hole with the rest of the soil/compost mix, NOT potting mix.

Make sure the tree is planted at the SAME LEVEL it was in the pot. Do not plant it too deep.

Add some mulch to keep the weeds away and soil moist.

Make a donut hole shape around the trunk of the tree (don't pile anything against trunk or you can kill the tree)

**\*\*\* WATER YOUR TREE DAILY \*\*\***

We recommend using a dripper irrigation system that delivers 4-5L per day. You can hand water but it's up to you to remember to do it regularly.

Watering times VARY according to climate and seasons.

Water DAILY for the first few weeks or so if planting during warmer weather, then 2-3 times a week for the first year and then a really good soak once a week for the next year or until you notice the tree has started to thrive. Slow, deep watering works best and if your tree is droopy -it needs water (unless it's been waterlogged or flooded), if it has crispy burned edges it has been heat affected and needs water and seaweed solution to combat the stress.

**Fertilising :**

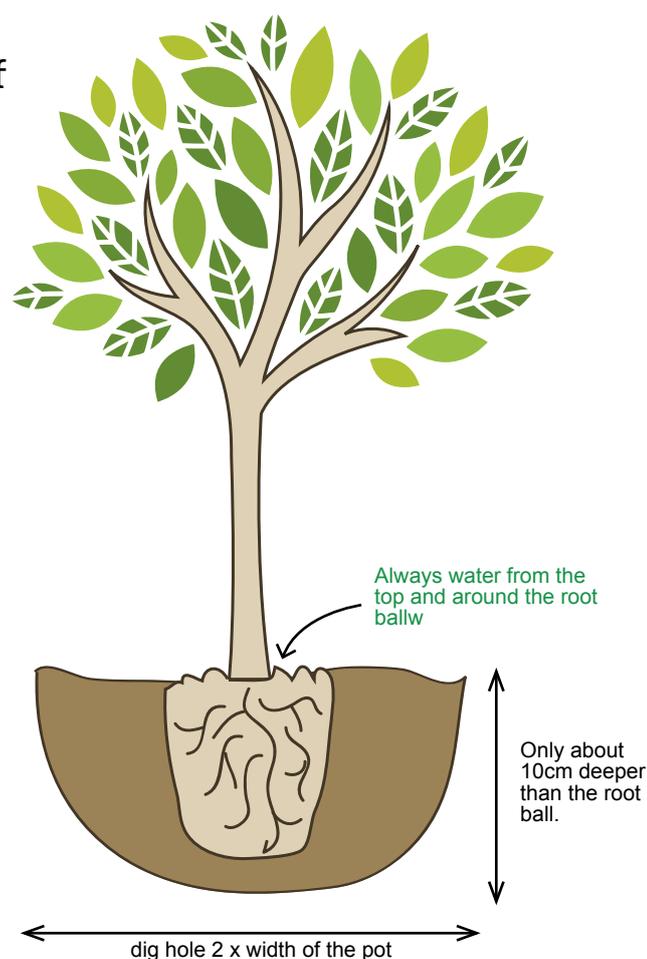
After planting give your tree regular doses of a seaweed tonic.

This helps with transplant shock and promotes root growth, it can also help with heat stress and frost tolerance.

You can mix some fertiliser into the soil when planting or place around the tree after planting. Only fertilise when weather is below 30 degrees and the tree is well watered.

We recommend fertilising twice a year – start of spring and summer to give the tree a boost!

It's your choice whether you use an organic fertiliser (usually not very strong so apply more often) or a chemical fertiliser like Osmocote (slow and fast release over 3-6 months)



ANY QUESTIONS please call us or text Amy for advice - 0411421920 - Happy to help