

# How to Plant Container Plants

## Site Selection:

It is important to select a spot that will provide the best environment for the plant you have chosen. Be aware of how much sun or shade the plant desires as well as how much space it will need as it grows. It is also important to match your soil type with the plants that will do well where you put them.

## Clay Soil:

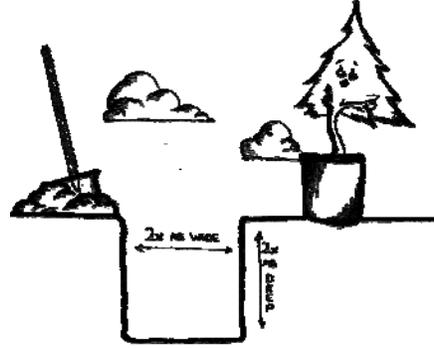
Clay soil does not drain well and therefore does not require as much water. Too much water may cause the roots to rot and the plant to suffocate.

## Watering:

All transplanted trees and shrubs need water and rarely survive the first few years on what Nature can provide. You *must* water your new transplants every day for the first 3 or 4 days. Due to variable conditions such as temperature, natural moisture and soil types, it is impossible for us to tell you how often or how long to water. Be observant to your individual conditions and water accordingly. You must add enough water to wet the soil enough to soak through to the base of the root system at each watering. Keep up with this schedule for at least two to three years.

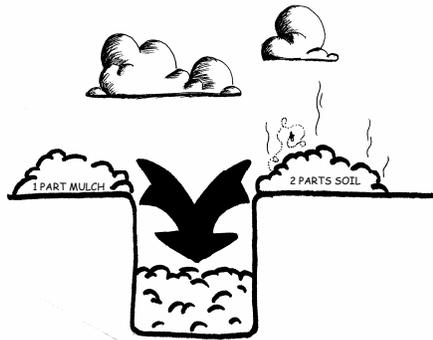
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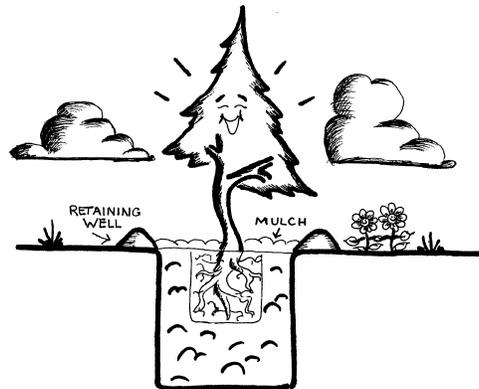
**Dig a hole** at least twice as wide and twice as deep as the depth of the container.

2.



**Refill the bottom half of the hole** with a mixture of 1 part composted mulch to 2 parts native soil. If you have clay soil, it is important to add gypsum to this mix. Then remove the plant from the container and sit it gently into the hole even with the surrounding grade. Continue to backfill the hole with the same mix of native soil and composted mulch until the top of the root ball is slightly covered. Be sure to apply Root Stimulator to prevent transplant shock and encourage root growth.

3.



**Cover the root ball** with a layer of mulch that is one to two inches thick. Then with the remaining soil build a large retaining well around the outer edge of the hole. As the roots start to grow and go deeper into the soil, it is important to water less often but longer to get the water deeper into the soil. This will help the plant with stand heat, drought, and extreme cold.



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