

## How to plant Bare Root

Trim off any dead or damaged roots and branches. Do NOT cut healthy roots shorter, even if it would make planting easier.

Dig a hole that is wide enough and deep enough to put the plant in without bending or crowding the roots.

Place the plant in the hole at the same level it was grown by the nursery. You can find this level where the roots start and the top shoots begin (the crown). Do not plant the plant deeper than this line.

Spread the roots out evenly.

Fill the hole with good soil while you are supporting the plant and keeping the roots spread (this works really well if you have three hands of your own or if you have someone to help you). Gently work the soil in and around the roots; do not pack the soil.

Water the plant thoroughly, making sure that the soil around the roots is moist.

Do NOT FERTILIZE! Young roots are easily damaged by too much fertilizer.

Mulch with quality hardwood shredded mulch.

Water the new plants until they get established, never let them dry out. Be careful not to overwater.

Bare root trees will probably need to be staked for one year. When you put the stakes in, make sure the stakes are in the undisturbed area around the plant (not in the planting hole or the tree may fall over).

Happy Planting!

