



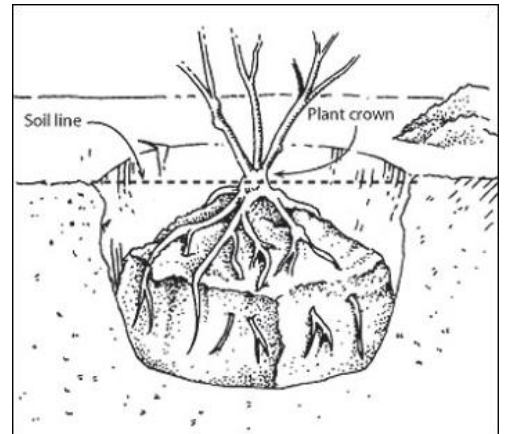
PLANTING MADE EASY

Bare-Root Planting:

Make sure the roots of bare-root plants are never allowed to dry-out.

- 1) Remove all wrapping and packaging material.
- 2) Check to that roots are moist and alive. Trim out any dead (brittle, dry) roots.
- 3) Dig a hole large enough to fit all roots horizontally without bending, and deep enough for the plant to sit where its soil line is.
- 4) Set the plant in the hole at the correct depth and backfill with amended soil (50% original soil from the hole, 50% high quality compost).
- 5) Form a berm around trunk (a ring as wide as the hole) using soil. This allows water to soak in slowly rather than washing soil away.
- 6) Water slowly and thoroughly with a mixture of water and root stimulator.
- 7) Prune about 1/3 of the top from the plant to help balance the top growth and the root system.

NOTE: With grafted plants make sure the graft is at least 1 inch above the soil-line after planting. NEVER put a graft at or below the soil line.



Container Grown Plants:

- 1) Dig hole twice the diameter of the container and as deep as the container.
- 2) Carefully remove the container and place the plant in the hole.
- 3) Back-fill the hole to the correct depth with amended soil (50% original soil from the hole, 50% high quality compost).
- 4) Form a berm around trunk (a ring as wide as the hole) using soil. This allows water to soak in slowly rather than washing soil away.
- 5) Water slowly and thoroughly with a mixture of water and root stimulator.
- 6) Prune only to achieve desired shape.

Root stimulator: a mix of mild fertilizer and rooting hormone. It encourages rooting and helps reduce stress to the plant. Always follow package instructions when mixing root stimulator. It can be applied every 7-10 days for the first month after planting.

Fertilize new planting once it starts to show new growth, an all-purpose fertilizer is best for this (please note that hydrangeas, azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, and blueberries require more specific fertilizers that also adjust pH).

