

PLANTING GUIDE

This information is intended as guidance only to assist you in planting your trees.



The Hole

Check the root ball size and dig the hole to the following dimensions:

Rootball	Bag Size	Hole Size
19lt	300mm wide x 300mm deep	450 square x 300mm deep
45lt	420mm wide x 400mm deep	600 square x 400mm deep
160lt	700mm wide x 650mm deep	900 square x 650 mm deep
400lt	1100mm wide x 850mm deep	1400 square x 850 mm deep

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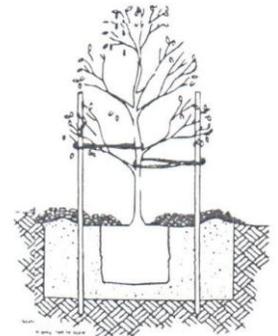
Ensure the trees are well watered before planting.

- Remove the bag by cutting two sides of the container and carefully remove the textile bag. Hard plastic pots can be removed by knocking the top of the pot and it will slide off. Ensure the hole is as deep as the root ball by measuring the two before placing in the hole. If the planting zone is wet or prone to getting wet, plant the root ball 100 - 150mm proud of the soil surface to allow the tree to sit a bit higher than normal. Carefully place the tree in the hole; there is no need to cut or disturb the roots. Check the top of the rootball is level with the surrounding ground
- Ensure the tree is straight. Backfill the hole using an equal blend of recommended planting mix and existing soil which has been mixed well. Include fertiliser at manufacturer recommendations. The soil should cover the top of the root ball by no more than 40mm. Keep soil clear of the trunk.
- To eliminate air from the root ball, use the heel of your foot to firm the soil back into the hole as you backfill. Leaving air pockets may cause the tree to get excessively wet in the winter and dry out in summer. Do not put scoria, rock, concrete or large pieces of clay in the hole as it will create air pockets. If the ground is excessively wet, you may need to install drainage before planting.
- Water deeply at the time of planting during summer and drier months then water as required.

Staking

This is an important part of the establishment process.

- Use the recommended stakes and tree-tie system.
- Drive the stake 100mm from the outside of the root ball until firmly in the ground. Tie and secure with jute webbing and leave staked for 12 months. Ask our team how many stakes or supports you will require per tree.



Mulching

- Place bark mulch 100mm deep to cover the area under the tree, exceeding the width of the hole. Mulching helps suppress weeds and retain moisture through the summer months.

Maintenance

- Trim to shape as required.
- Keep clear of weeds.
- Reapply fertilizer as recommended and mulch to maintain good cover.

Watering

Keeping your trees well watered over the summer and drier months will greatly increase the success and growth of the trees. The easiest way to maintain a good level of watering is to inspect regularly by pushing your finger through the bark mulch and gauging whether the soil is moist. Water as required, paying special attention after strong winds or prolonged periods without rain.