

Suggested Planting Instructions

- Dig a hole about 12" wider and no deeper the pot or ball. (Plant should be level or slightly higher than level grown in the nursery.)*
- Minor's recommends adding Sure-Gro plant starter at time of installation. Use 1/3 Sure Gro with 2/3 of the existing soil. In heavy clay make it 1/2 Sure Gro with 1/2 existing soil.

If the item is B&B Stock (balled in burlap) – *(Nursery level 1"-2" above root ball)

- Place plant in hole in desired position and cut all the twine from the trunk. If there is a wire basket, leave it on. Cut twine away from top of basket and bend the top of the basket towards the side of the hole. Leave burlap intact, you want a solid root ball to ensure best livability conditions.
- Fill hole about half way with the Sure Gro / existing soil mix. Then fill the balance of the hole with water and let stand at least 20 minutes. This settles the soil around the roots and eliminates air pockets.

If the item is Container Grown – *(Nursery level is soil level in pot.)

- ❖ Cut out bottom of pot. Place plant in hole and position at proper planting level. Make a vertical cut in the pot and carefully lift out.
- ❖ Fill hole about half way with the Sure Gro / existing soil mix, then fill the balance of the hole with water and let stand at least 20 minutes. This settles the soil around the roots and eliminates air pockets.
- Fill balance of hole with Sure Gro / existing soil mix, leaving a rimmed saucer effect on top. Water thoroughly again, at this time we suggest adding a root stimulator, such as Fertlome Easy Gro packets.
- Water plants once or twice a week depending on the weather. Check soil conditions around plant and water accordingly.
- No granular fertilizer should be used in the first season.
- Raising plant beds and adding amended topsoil can improve plants odds of success in heavy clay areas.
- We suggest thoroughly watering all plants - especially evergreens in late fall or early winter so they "freeze in."
- Winter tender plants such as Rhododendron, Yews, Boxwood, Euonymus, Daphne, Holly, Hemlock, Alberta Spruce, etc., may need additional protection against the elements and salt. Wrapping them in burlap may help. Wilt Pruf may help as well. Baits, tree wraps and sprays may be necessary to protect from rodents.
- These instructions are based on conditions in the Milwaukee area, different locations may have different or additional instructions.
- Nursery stock purchased but not planted the same day should be stored away from sun and wind.
- On a larger shade trees and evergreens, we recommend staking for the first year.