



The Basics of Planting Your Dormant Tree

What does dormancy mean and what should you expect?

- Dormancy is similar to hibernation. The trees growth is slowed down to conserve energy. Dormancy is necessary for your trees health to survive seasonal changes.
- Your bare-root tree will be packaged with damp biodegradable straw covering it's roots to stay moist. The roots and straw will be wrapped in burlap and tied to protect tree and ensure hydration. A biodegradable bag is then wrapped and secured to cover burlap and further protect trees roots.

Before you Plant

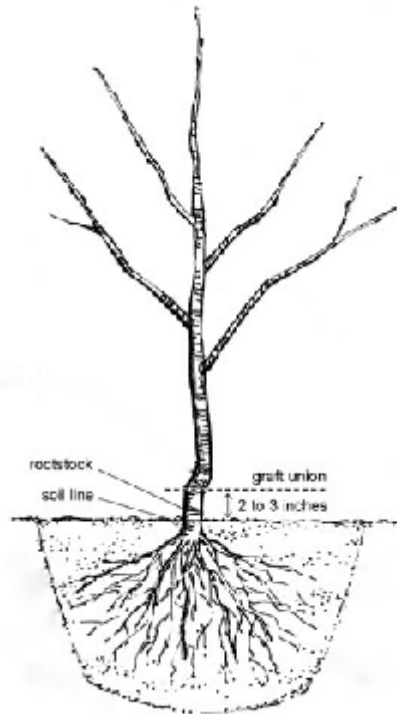
- Plan your trees arrival so tree can be planted as soon as possible.
- Decide planting location best for tree (sunlight, spacing).

How to Plant

- As soon as tree is received, remove tree from all packaging (including straw).
- If needed, soak tree roots in water for up to 6 hrs.
- Dig hole big enough to accommodate root spread with enough room to grow.
- Dig hole deep enough to keep the graft union (see diagram) 2-3 inches about soil.

(Optional)

- Add straw from packaging to the bottom of the hole as natural fertilizer.
- Refill soil and tamp out air.
- Check to make sure tree is straight. Adjust if needed.
- Water your newly planted tree thoroughly. **Soak** the ground beneath tree until water is standing.



Continued Care

- Create a watering schedule based on your climate.
For example, if tree is planted in above 60 degree weather, water every 1-2 days. If above 80 degrees, water daily. Check soil for hydration. Adjust watering if needed.
- Regularly watering your young tree is essential. Soil should be moist without drowning tree.
- Prune tree in winter.

