## USE & CARE MANUAL SHUMARD OAK (Quercus Shumardii)

## **PLANTING GUIDE:**

STEP 1) First, decide on a planting location. Consider carefully what kind of sun, soil, and growing-space your tree or shrub will need.

STEP 2) Once you've located the perfect spot, the hole you are digging must be at least double the width and as deep as the root system you are planting.

STEP 3) The top of the root system should be level with the ground. Before placing the tree or shrub in the hole, use your hands to gently break up the root system.

STEP 4) Once the tree is in place, backfill the hole with native soil and any leftover potting material.

STEP 5) Pack down the soil to eliminate any air pockets.

STEP 6) When finished, water thoroughly.

## **PLANTING CARE:**

Water thoroughly until tree is well established. Plant oaks in an area where they have plenty of room to grow to their maturity size. Once established, oaks need very little maintenance. Since they are drought tolerant, they rarely need extra watering after the first year. They also rarely need pruning. If there are dead limbs, however, prune in winter.

