

W.B., B&B and CONTAINER STOCK - TREES AND SHRUBS

1. Please handle stock gently!! The rootballs contain tender live roots, which must not be disturbed.

2. Un-tie Crown (Branches) and stand up!! Received material should be un-tied and stood-up immediately. This will prevent sun-scald on the underside of leaves and needles.

3. Plant immediately!!

4. Soak thoroughly!! A light watering is **not** sufficient. Daily overhead watering is preferred on held material. Planted material should be soaked at base at **least** twice per week throughout the growing season until dormancy. Water more frequently in hotter weather. Rootballs should not be allowed to dry out.

The right amount of water is most important, too little or too much can have the same damaging effects. During hot weather, for new trees, water should be provided at least 3-4 times a week and should be concentrated on the roots. Drip irrigation, a slow soak or tree bag allows the best penetration.

5. Do not cut strings and or wires on OUR trees.

We strongly recommend that they not be cut to ensure the trees stability. If you do cut the strings and or wires on the baskets it will result in cracking of the rootball and will damage the fine root system which is needed for the successful transplanting of the tree.

6. Stake and guy trees as needed to keep the tree as rigid and stable as possible while the new roots are establishing themselves.

7. Do not allow soil, bark mulch or any other material any higher on the trunks than the original soil level. *Any tree or shrub that is planted too deep, or has soil higher than the original soil level will suffocate and die within 1 to 2 growing seasons.*

CONTAINERIZED STOCK - TREES, SHRUBS AND GROUNDCOVERS

1. Numbers 2, 3, 4, and 7 from above apply.

2. **Score** the root mass upon removing from pot before planting.

Well established shrubs will have firm root masses when pulled out of their pots. The roots should be scored prior to planting. **Scoring is the slicing top to bottom of the roots in two to four places, depending on the size of the plant.** *This allows the roots to move out and away from the original rootball, so that the plant will establish itself more quickly.*

LIQUID PLANT START

1. Apply liquid transplanter (eg. GARDEN PRO 5-15-5 with IBA), refer to application rate on label. (Many Garden Centres across Western Canada carry GARDEN PRO TRANSPLANTER 5-15-5 or a similar brand).

GRANULAR FERTILIZER

1. After plants have exhibited some rooting, a granular fertilization program can begin:

Trees : Season – Long feeding: Use GARDENPRO SLOW RELEASE 14-14-16 or 18-6-12 at rates on the label. Spread around base of tree.

Shrubs : General Plant Feeding: Use GARDENPRO 14-7-14 (evergreen/broadleaf) or 6-12-12 (Rhodo/Azalea) at recommended rate on the label. These are best used for Trees and Shrubs in cooler conditions or low irrigation where a long term slow release product is simply too slow. Do not sprinkle, or allow fertilizer to lie on foliage as it will cause burning.