



SEEDLING PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

****Soak trees in water ONE day before planting, but make sure tree stays cool and in bag until then!****

1. Scout out an area for your tree that is clear from power lines, other trees, buildings and anything else within 30 feet from tree. Call your utilities to have them mark for underground utilities. If necessary, obtain permission to plant in your desired area.
2. Dig a hole, at least 2 times the width of the root system, so the roots can spread without crowding.
3. Turn the soil up to 3 feet in diameter around your hole to help promote root growth.
4. Place the tree in the hole, with the top of the roots just under the soil line. **Make sure the roots are spread out in their natural direction.** Do not plant with packing materials.
5. Partially fill the hole with dirt, firm the soil around the lower roots making sure not to break them. Use water to help reduce air pockets.
6. Fill the rest of the hole up, making sure the root collar is at the soil line, and pack firmly. Do not pack too tightly as this may break roots and slow root growth.
7. Water the tree with plenty of water, making sure to water the entire planting area.
8. After the water has soaked in, place mulch around the tree within 1" of touching the tree. *Mulch is important for retaining moisture and keeping weeds down.*
9. Water your newly planted tree every 7-10 days during the first year. Water slowly around the drip line. (The drip line is defined by the farthest reaching leaves/branches)
10. Enjoy your new Oak tree!