

BASICS FOR THE CARE OF YOUR SEEDLINGS/TRANSPLANTS

- Plant your trees/shrubs/groundcovers, as soon as possible after you pick up your order for the best chance of survival.
- The roots must be kept moist until planting, store in a cool location out of direct sunlight.
- The hole for the tree should be large enough that roots are not bent in a "J" shape. The biggest mistake is planting too shallow.
- A layer of organic mulch will reduce water needs and increase survivability. Do not, however, put the mulch touching the trunk of the tree, leave a space. Or else, it could lead to rotting the trunk of the tree.
- Seedlings/transplants should be watered once every two weeks the first year. More frequently during hot dry periods.
- One good watering/soaking at a time, is better than several smaller waterings.
- For best results, seedlings/transplants should not be planted closer than 5 feet.
- All seedlings/transplants will grow slowly for the first 2-5 years, establishing root growth, growing in height more rapidly after that.
- Pruning is not recommended for conifers during the first three years.
- Windbreaks should be planted in staggered rows. In row spacing 6-10 feet apart.
- Spruce trees make the best wind breaks.
- Evergreen and deciduous seedlings require very little fertilizer. Use of fertilizer tablet is sufficient, if desired.
- Plant trees at least 12 feet from the curb, sidewalk or paved surface, eventually roots can crack or raise sidewalks, etc.
- Avoid planting trees over or within 20 feet of any sewer line or septic system; roots can block these lines causing expensive repairs.
- If planting around a large deer populated area, expect a high mortality rate of the trees you plant, due to deer browsing on seedlings and transplants. There are some things you can purchase to help this situation.

