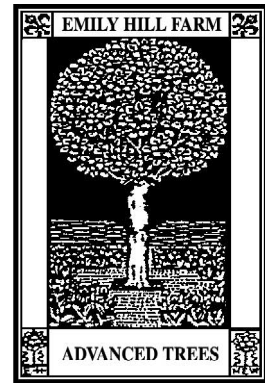


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Tree Planting Instructions

1. **Drainage** must be good. Check prior to planting. Water should drain away from the planting hole within a few hours after rain or being filled. If drainage is not adequate this must be rectified **before** planting.
2. **Planting hole** should be at least one and a half times the diameter of the root ball of the tree, and only the depth of the root ball. The bottom of the hole should be firm.
3. **Do not disturb** the root ball any more than necessary.
4. **Be sure to remove** the base of an air pruning container.
5. **Back fill** the whole after putting the tree in the hole with the local soil.
6. **Do not cover** the root ball with soil (or mulch).
7. **Stake** if necessary using 2 or 3 stakes outside the root ball and a wide soft webbing to tie.
8. **Mulch** around the tree but not over the root ball.

After care of the tree

1. **WATER** is the most important issue. 6 litres of water twice a week applied to the root ball per 25mm of trunk caliper. As most of our trees are 40-60mm caliper about 9 litres (1 bucket) would be required at each watering. More than this amount is unnecessary.
2. **Weeds** must be kept away from the root ball and root zone, including grass.
3. **Fertilisation** is not of prime importance, but a couple of months after planting a high N fertilizer can be applied.
4. **Pruning** gradually as the tree grows to maintain the shape. Do not 'prune up' more than one third of the trunk. Remember the tree needs leaves to supply it with food.

The tree will take about 6 months per 25mm of trunk caliper to establish properly. Our trees will take 9-18 months as their caliper is probably somewhere between 25mm and 75mm and after care should continue this long.

Do not hesitate to ask if you want more advice.