



Tree Seedling Planting Guideline

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Considerations for tree planting

Careful handling and proper planting is essential for tree seedling survival and establishment. The less time to elapse between removal from cool storage and planting the better chance for seedlings to thrive.

When creating the planting hole, make sure to reach bare mineral soil. Also, ensure that there are no obstructions, like debris or weeds, by scraping the surrounding soil with the planting tool. The depth and width of the planting hole should be large enough to let the seedling root system hang freely. Be attentive of roots when placing them in the hole in order to avoid creating air pockets, L-roots, or J-roots. Common mistakes are below.

