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Planting Instructions

1. Dig hole 2-3 times the width of container but same depth.
2. Check drainage by filling hole with water. All water should drain away within 12 hours. If not, you have hard pan and it will need to be penetrated - dig deeper & add a layer of gypsum.
3. **Watters Mulch** - Blend 1 part mulch with 2 parts soil taken from hole.
4. Pack soil mixture firmly around root ball.
5. **Stakes & V-Strap** - install stakes just outside the roots making sure the stakes are deeper than soil mix. Remove original shipping stake.

Use **V-Straps** around tree trunks to support trees from wind. Use one strap just under the tree canopy and a second 18" below the first. Use wire to secure V-Straps to the stakes. If necessary, use a small nail or screw on lodge pole to stop the wire from slipping.

6. Build a well around the tree and water in with Fertilome **Root Stimulator**. Use Root Stimulator every 2 weeks for the first 2 months.

Use remaining Watters Mulch inside the tree well as a top dressing. This will keep weeds

down, insulate roots from heat and cold, and keep the roots moist.

Very Important! On all new plants sprinkle Start-N-Grow & Soil Activator over the newly planted roots at the recommended rate.

Add Start-N-Grow

- 1 gallon - 1 tablespoon
- 5 gallon - 1/4 cup
- 7 gallon - 1/2 cup
- 15 gallon - 3/4 cup
- 24" box - 1 cup

Add Soil Activator

- 1 gallon - 1/4 cup
- 5 gallon - 1/2 cup
- 7 gallon - 3/4 cup
- 15 gallon - 1 cup
- 24" box - 2 cups

Recommended rates to sprinkle on top after planting. Make sure to use both.

Automatic irrigation systems may not be sufficient to water initially. Water newly planted trees and shrubs in addition to irrigation system with a garden hose for at least one month (2 months in Summer). Watering frequency will vary according to season, exposure and plant size.

CHECK LIST:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> WATTERS MULCH | <input type="checkbox"/> ROOT STIMULATOR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> START-N-GROW | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 STAKES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOIL ACTIVATOR | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 V-STRAPS & WIRE |