Watters Planting Guide

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 two parts soil taken from hole.

4. Score the root ball sides and bottom with a utility knife or pruners.

5. Blend Soil – Mulch - 7-4-4 Plant Food & Aqua Boost mixture then pack firmly around root ball.

6. 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. If necessary, use a small nail or screw on lodge pole to stop the wire from slipping.

7. Build a well around the tree and water with “Root & Grow” mixture. Water with Root & Grow 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.

**Add All Purpose Food**
- 1 gallon - 1 tablespoon
- 5 gallon - ¼ cup
- 7 gallon - ½ cup
- 15 gallon - ¾ cup
- 24” box - 1 cup

**Add Aqua Boost Crystals**
- 1 gallon - 1 tablespoon
- 5 gallon - ¼ cup
- 7 gallon - ½ cup
- 15 gallon - ¾ cup
- 24” box - 1 cup

**Recommended rates** to mix into your planting soil. Make sure to use both in combination with Watters Mulch. Blend & Back fill around roots.

**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:**
- WATTERS MULCH
- AQUA BOOST
- 2 STAKES
- ALL PURPOSE FOOD
- ROOT & GROW
- 2 V-STRAPS & WIRE

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