

TREE PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

Once you have determined where you think you would like to plant your new tree, you are required to contact [Ontario One Call](#) to get public buried cables, pipes, and wires located before digging (at no cost).

1. Choose the Right Location: Select a location that matches the tree's expected growth. If you have questions let us know! We have knowledgeable home gardeners to help. Email freespringtree@gmail.com
2. Gather Your Tools: You'll need a shovel, gloves maybe, compost or organic matter, and mulch.
3. Prepare the Hole: Dig a hole about 2-3 times wider than the root ball of the tree in the pot. The depth should be the same as the pot's height.
4. Remove the Tree from the Pot: Slide out of the pot, being careful not to damage the roots.
5. Loosen Roots: Gently loosen encircling roots
6. Place the Tree in the Hole: Position the tree in the center of the hole, making sure the top of the root ball is level with the surrounding soil.
7. Backfill with Soil: Fill in the hole with the soil you removed, tamping it down gently as you go to remove air pockets.
8. Water Thoroughly: After planting, give the tree a deep watering to settle the soil and provide moisture.
9. Mulch Around the Base: Apply a layer of mulch around the base of the tree to help conserve moisture and suppress weeds. **Be sure not to mound the mulch up against the trunk.**
10. Regular Watering: Keep the soil consistently moist but not waterlogged, especially during the first year. Water deeply to encourage deep root growth.
11. Fertilize (optional): Consider applying a natural soil amendment to promote growth.
12. Monitor and Maintain: Watch for pests, diseases, and any other issues. In a couple years prune as needed to shape and maintain the tree's structure