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# PLANTING GUIDE FOR TREES & SHRUBS

**The correct planting and aftercare of your new plant is extremely important. The following planting procedure will ensure the healthy growth and development of your purchase.**

- 1. Dig the hole two to three times the width and depth of the pot the plant is currently in.**
- 2. Blend the soil you have dug out with some form of organic matter; mushroom compost or blended manure are ideal. The blend should be 50/50 (50% soil and 50% compost). With certain native plants it is best to use a 75/25 blend (75% soil and 25% compost) - if you are unsure ask us, we will be happy to advise.**
- 3. Place enough of the blend in the bottom of the hole to bring your plant up to the existing soil level, remembering to never plant your plant too high or too deep. The level of the soil in the plant pot should be level with your existing soil.**
- 4. Place a slow release fertilizer in the bottom of the hole; spread evenly and cover with a small amount of your soil mix.**
- 5. Before removing the plant from the pot water the plant really well. If possible fill a bucket with water and sit the plant in the water - this will remove the air pockets from the root ball. Leave the plant in the bucket until the air bubbles stop.**
- 6. Remove the plant from the pot and gently tease the roots. If the plant is root bound make a few small cuts into the base of the roots with a sharp, clean pair of secateurs and ease the roots out.**
- 7. Place the plant in the hole and pack around the sides with your soil blend. Make sure when you fill the hole in you press or stamp down firmly to remove any air pockets in the soil.**
- 8. Water thoroughly. With the remaining soil blend, create a good size well around the top of the plant, and water. The well will help hold the water and reduce run off, ensuring the water gets deep into the root zone.**
- 9. Mulch around the base of you plant to a depth of 75mm. Make sure your don't mulch to close to the base of the stem as this can cause rot.**
- 10. One of the most important things to remember is your new plant has come from a nursery environment where it has been watered on a daily basis. When you get your new plant home you will need to monitor it's watering until the plant is established. Generally you will need to water daily for a period of 3-4 weeks (especially during the summer months) and then every second day for another month or two gradually reducing down to 2 days watering per week. This is for all plants, even natives. Lack of water during the establishment period will put your plant under great stress and is the number 1 cause for plant loss.**

**Attached is a diagram, showing the correct planting procedure.**

**HAPPY PLANTING**

