

# HUNNIFORD GARDENS

## TREE PLANTING TIPS

Trees can be planted at any time between Spring and Fall. This is usually between May and October for our region.

1. Select your desired tree(s). Ensure that the tree's sunlight requirements, shape and mature size will be appropriate for the planting site.
2. Dig a hole 2-3 times as wide and 3-6 inches deeper than the tree's container.
3. Add the suitable soil amendments (See recommendations on "**Choosing the Right Dirt**"). Consider the current condition of your garden soil as well as the tree's soil preferences.

### **Planting Essentials:**

- ✿ *Tree(s)*
- ✿ *Soil Amendments*
- ✿ *Bone Meal*
- ✿ *Transplant Fertilizer*
- ✿ *Tree Stake Kit*

4. Add 8-12 inches of the soil amendment(s) to the planting hole. Backfill with garden soil and blend the mixture together. Keep adding soil until there's just enough room left to accommodate the plant's root ball.
5. Add **bone meal** (up to 1 handful for every foot of tree height) to the bottom of the hole and stir into the soil's surface. Water to moisten soil.
6. Remove the tree from its pot and loosen the roots if necessary. Place the root ball in the hole. Ensure that the tree's existing soil level is at ground level, and not deeper or shallower. Add more soil around the root ball as needed and water deeply.
7. Add **liquid transplant fertilizer (5-15-5)** to reduce transplant shock.
8. Stake the tree if it is over 5' high and sited in a windy, open area.
9. Water your newly planted tree *every 1-2 weeks* for the first growing season. **Deep and infrequent watering produces the healthiest, strongest trees!**