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PLANTING AND CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Water your plants as soon as you get them home and put them in a location out of direct wind and bright sunlight until you are ready to plant. Water them at least once a day until they are planted.

Prepare the planting holes as shown in the diagram. It is very important that some type of peat moss or compost combination be mixed with the soil being back filled around the plants. The Beining Nursery customer service person will suggest the best product for your planting application. **Dig the planting hole at least two times the diameter of the root ball. (More is better!)** Do not make the planting holes deeper than the depth of the root balls.

All the plants will have some kind of covering around the root balls. Plastic pots must be removed before planting. **Grow Bags must be removed completely.** (A utility knife works well.) Balled and burlapped plants can be planted as is, but be sure to cut off any twine that might be wrapped around the trunk and bend under or cut off the top of the wire basket so it does not protrude. Also remove any plastic or metal tags.

When planting, be certain that the top of the root ball is slightly higher than the original ground level as shown in the diagram. Backfill with the planting mix and press firmly around the plant to eliminate air pockets. Apply a 2"-3" layer of mulch around the plant to help retain moisture, **leaving 3" adjacent to the stem free of mulch.**

Soak thoroughly immediately after planting. The soil and mulch around the plants should be saturated and excess water should be running out into the lawn if you've done this properly. Keep damp for the first 2 weeks. Then reduce the watering to once a week or less depending on precipitation. Pay special attention during hot, windy conditions and in early winter prior to the ground freezing.

Trees should be staked and the trunks wrapped if necessary. They are most likely to blow crooked in the first month or so after they are installed or in the spring when the soil is soft and wet. The hose and wire fastening the tree to the stakes can sometimes cause problems. The trunks of some fast growing species can begin to grow around the hose in 6-8 months. **If this is allowed to happen, it will result in permanent damage to the tree.** You must periodically check this and readjust when needed. Remove the stakes when the tree appears rigid enough to remain upright on its own (1-2 years).

Paper trunk wrapping helps prevent sun scald, frost cracking, and moisture loss through the bark on most species. This usually can occur from mid-winter to early spring. We recommend wrapping the trunks from the ground; up to the first set of branches for the first 2 or 3 winters. Apply in early December and remove the wrap every spring in March. Thin barked trees like Maple, Linden, Oak, Crabapple, and Magnolia benefit the most. It's not necessary for the trees with coarse bark like Birch, Bald Cypress, Dawn Redwood, and most multi-stem trees.

****We can reuse the plastic containers that your plants came in. Simply drop them off at the nursery if you have no further use for them.****