

HOW TO PLANT A TREE

These instructions will help you plant and care for your new tree seedling.

FALL LOOK OF TREES

The trees and shrubs seedlings may not have many leaves or the leaves may be turning yellow. This is typical for this time of year, especially for smaller, container-grown trees and shrubs. Be sure to plant and water right away. Take care when removing the trees from the container to avoid too much of the soil falling away from the roots of the plant. See the directions below for how to plant your new tree or shrub.

BENEFITS OF FALL PLANTING

Many people fear that young trees can't withstand the winter. However, that's not the case. Trees go dormant in the winter, the equivalent of hibernation. This "sleep" state slows down the tree's growth, energy consumption, and metabolism. Planting in the fall gives trees an extra growing season before the stress of summer. The combination of cooler temperatures and fall rain allows trees to establish their roots, making it easier for them to adjust to extreme heat or drought in the summer.

Ensuring proper planting techniques provides a foundation for your trees to thrive. Follow these general planting steps after selecting the right tree for your space.

Homeowners must contact the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) by calling 8-1-1 within 2 to 10 working days before beginning any digging. After collecting your information, OUPS notifies utilities where you plan to dig and the type of work. Next a locator will visit to mark your underground lines, pipes and cables. You'll know what's below and can dig safely. Call 8-1-1 before you dig so you know where utility or sewer lines run.



1. DIG A PROPER HOLE:

Dig a hole the same depth as that of the soil in the container. The hole should be twice the width of the container. The sides of the hole should slope like a saucer, which allows for proper root growth.