PLANTING SEEDLINGS

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PLANTING CONTAINER SEEDLINGS

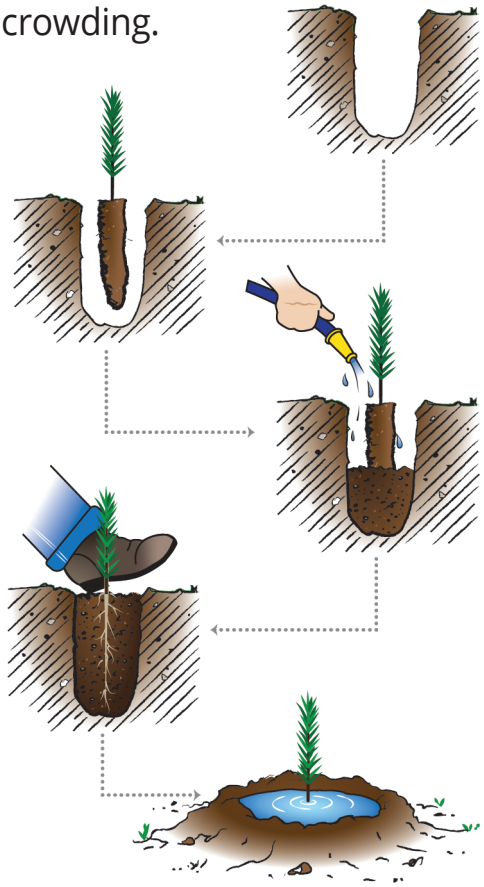
Dig a hole large enough to insert the roots without bending or crowding. The hole should be 2 - 4 inches deeper than the root length.

Remove one seedling at a time from its container and plant it. Position the seedling in the hole with the top of the soil at or slightly above ground level.

Fill the hole halfway with topsoil and add water to settle soil around the roots.

Fill the rest of the hole and firm the soil around the seedling with foot, adding more soil if needed.

Form a sturdy ridge of soil around the seedling large enough to catch and hold 2 gallons of water.



HANDLING CONTAINER SEEDLINGS

- Plant seedlings as soon as possible after receiving them (2 weeks maximum)
- **DO NOT plant** under dry, windy or hot conditions or during periods of prolonged freezing
- Prior to planting:
  - Keep seedlings shaded and cool
  - Water three times/week
  - Do not allow to freeze
- Remove container from *one seedling at a time* as it is planted
- **DO NOT expose** roots to harsh sun or wind (30 seconds maximum)
- Water each seedling immediately after it is planted
- Continue to water at a rate of 8 - 10 gallons/week for the first one to two years

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PLANTING BAREROOT SEEDLINGS

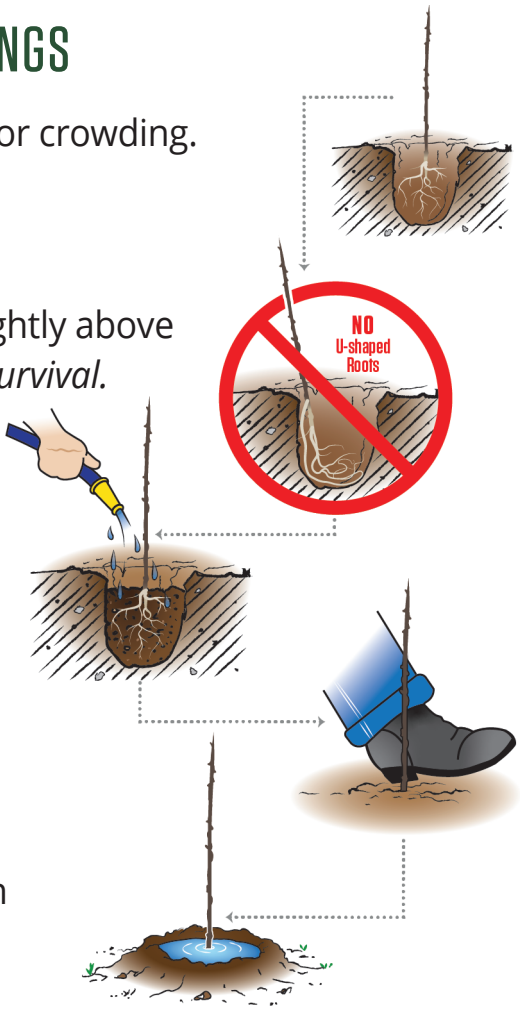
Dig a hole large enough to insert the roots without bending or crowding. The hole should be 2 - 4 inches deeper than the root length.

Position the seedling in the hole with the root collar at or slightly above ground level. *Avoid "U" shaped roots, which can lead to poor survival.*

Fill the hole halfway with topsoil and add water to settle soil around the roots.

Fill the rest of the hole and firm the soil around the seedling with foot, adding more soil if needed.

Form a sturdy ridge of soil around the seedling large enough to catch and hold 2 gallons of water.



HANDLING BAREROOT SEEDLINGS

- Plant seedlings as soon as possible after receiving them (2 weeks maximum)
- **DO NOT plant** under dry, windy or hot conditions or during periods of prolonged freezing
- Prior to planting:
  - Keep seedlings shaded and cool
  - Leave seedlings wrapped up
  - Do not allow to freeze
- Keep roots covered with wet burlap or moss or place in a bucket of water while planting
- **DO NOT expose** roots to harsh sun or wind (30 seconds maximum)
- Plant and water only one seedling at a time
- Continue to water at a rate of 8 - 10 gallons/week for the first one to two years

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