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## Millane Nurseries, Inc.

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We take pride that all of our plants are in prime condition, free from insects and diseases and are well adapted to our area. To ensure this, our plants receive the utmost professional care.

## PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

- ~ Remove plants from your car as soon as possible to prevent injury by heat.
- ~ Keep roots moist & plants shaded (to minimize water loss) until ready to be planted.

### Plant & Site Selection:

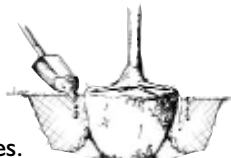
Trees & shrubs are a valuable addition to any landscape. To ensure continued health & vigor certain considerations should be made before planting. Choose a planting site in sun, shade, or partial shade according to its preference; also consider the plant's moisture needs as well as its ultimate size.

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### General Planting:

Good organic soil is a key to vigorous root systems. Once the plant is in the ground, it is difficult (if not impossible) to improve the soil quality.

1. **Dig a hole twice as wide** as the rootball and almost as deep. In sandy soil, dig the hole 7/8 the depth of the rootball; in clay soils, only 2/3, to help provide drainage & give roots oxygen. Plant it "high" (2" above ground level). **Remove large stones, roots, etc.** from the soil.
2. **Place plant in the hole** - insure that the top of the rootball (crown of the plant) is slightly higher than the soil around it. Be sure the plant is straight.  
**For Container-grown plants:** remove container & lightly loosen the roots with your hands. This breaks any circular root patterns & encourages new root growth.  
**For Balled & Burlapped plants:** do not remove the burlap or wire cage. Once the plant is positioned and stabilized in the hole, cut the string/cord at top of rootball, peel back the burlap from the top of the plant ball & bend back the sections of the wire cage that might show after planting is completed. Check that plant is straight.
3. **Fill in with soil mixture** (mixture of existing topsoil with peatmoss, manure & compost) around the plant for an organic, rich, loose soil that will allow oxygen to reach roots for optimum root growth. Tamp as you go.  
**If the hole was made too deep**, be sure to replace & tamp down the soil in the bottom before putting the plant in. (CAUTION: Planting too deeply can kill the plant).
6. **Stake** if necessary to stabilize large or loose balled trees.
7. **Add rooting transplant starter** per product directions.
8. **Complete soil fill-in** & tamp down well around rootball. See that tree is straight.
9. **BE SURE THE SOIL SLOPES AWAY FROM THE CROWN OF THE PLANT.** If it doesn't, replant & grade so the soil slopes.
10. **Water thoroughly** & add more soil mixture if necessary to bring it back to ground level. Build a 3" ring of soil (like a saucer) around edge of hole to hold water.
11. **Apply mulch** (about 2" deep) to retain moisture & retard weed growth.
12. Make sure plant gets a **good soaking 2-3 times for the first week.**



## AFTERCARE INSTRUCTIONS

### Watering:

Improper water during the first season is the #1 cause of plant failure. The limited root system of your new plant (especially B&B plants) will cause it to dry out faster than established plants. Asked when a shrub should be watered, the nursery professional often replies "when the ground is dry"; this is somewhat ambiguous but it is close to the truth. Very few plants should be in wet soil 100% of the time; conversely, no plant should be in a completely dry soil. Therefore, watering must be adjusted to the type of soil & weather you have.

1. **Water at the base of the plant** - they drink through the root system.
2. **Immediately after planting**, the plant **should be completely soaked**. Water the plant with a slow-trickling hose placed over the rootball for 1/2 hour for shrubs, up to 1 hour for trees.
3. On the average, **1-2 waterings per week April to September** should be sufficient, either in the form of rain or from the hose. Again, this will depend on temperature, rainfall, soil, humidity & wind. Remember that watering should always consist of a thorough soaking, never a light sprinkling.  
When the soil is **moist to a depth of 4-6"**, it is generally enough. Try not to overwater.
4. **During periods of drought** (summer or fall), check soil moisture & water more frequently, up to 2 or 3 times per week. Remember that 10-15 minute downpours seldom soak the soil & you may need to water even though it "just rained".
5. **Watering should be continued for the first year** until the ground freezes for the winter. The use of mulch around you plants will help hold moisture. Remember during the first year after planting, if a plant looks like it needs water, it is often too late.

### Fertilizing:

1. **Use a root starter or stimulant** when you plant.
2. For established trees & shrubs, a **heavy feeding in early spring** (April) and a light feeding in late fall (November) of a slow-release granular fertilizer (Hollytone or Millane-mix) will keep your landscape healthy & vigorous. Miracle Gro may also be used. Do not apply any fertilizer from August through October.

### Insect & Disease Control:

**Inspect your plant often** for disease or insect damage (or any problems that may be caused by your environment) to protect your investment.

If you suspect a problem, bring in a live, fresh sample of the insect or damage.

### Winter Protection:

**Apply Wilt-Pruf** (an anti-transpirant) **to all broadleaf evergreens**. Apply in November (and re-apply again in February) according to label directions; to protect your investment from drying winter winds. A burlap shield around (not over) will provide additional protection.

**Please Call Us** If you experience problems, call us as soon as possible.



**- TREE and SHRUB RETAIL GUARANTEE -**

**A 50% store credit will be given on any dead tree or shrub within one year; provided proper planting, regular watering & aftercare instructions are followed.** (Annuals, Perennials, Roses & Christmas Trees are NOT guaranteed).

Your register **sales receipt** must be presented along with **verifying photos** of the defective plant.

Millane Nurseries' responsibility & liability will not exceed 50% of the purchased price.

Sorry, no cash refunds. One time replacement only. Millane Nurseries is not responsible for plants that are affected by extreme natural conditions (example: ice, drought, hurricane) or neglect by the customer. All plants need proper care and if in declining health, treat quickly.