

Tree & Shrub Planting

Project List:



- Root Stimulator**— A healthy root system is the key to your new plant’s success! Water all new plantings thoroughly with organic root stimulator (such as **Nature’s Guide Organic Root Stimulator**) and reapply twice per month for the first 6 months.
- Mulch**—Retains moisture in the soil around your tree, breaks down slowly to provide additional organic matter, suppresses weeds and provides a finished look. We like **Vital Earth Organic Hardwood Mulch** and recommend maintaining a layer at least 2” thick at all times. Keep mulch away from the crown or trunk of the plant.
- Soaker Hoses** provide slow, deep watering at the root zone. Thorough but infrequent-root watering is crucial for best success. You may also use **Gator Bags** for slow, even moisture directly to a tree’s root zone.

Additional amendments for SHRUBS

- Compost**— organic compost (such as **Vital Earth Organic Compost**) loosens heavy clay soils and helps make nutrients available. Amend existing soil prior to planting shrubs.
- Expanded Shale**—a porous, lightweight gravel that increases drainage and aeration when blended with existing soil. Particularly useful for breaking up native clay soils.
- Liquid Seaweed** and/or **Superthrive** help strengthen new plantings with balanced nutrients. Ideally, soak plants in the solution before planting. Nitrogen fertilizers that encourage green growth are not recommended at planting time.

As always, consult our Garden Advisors with questions.



Tree and Shrub Planting: To ensure healthy plants, start with **right plant for the right location**. Once you select a tree suited for your site and it's microclimate, be sure to plant it correctly.

