Planting Instructions

Trees + Shrubs

Mulch is a good idea, as it helps keeps weeds down and the soil moist. We suggest using dried grass, dried shredded leaves or clean straw as mulch. We also suggest watering your plants before planting as well as after planting. This process can be stressful on plants, but with a good watering they'll feel at home in no time!

- 1. Dig a hole as deep and twice the width of the container.
- 2. Remove the plant from the container. Loosen the root ball by pulling it apart with your hands.
- 3. When placing the plant in the middle of the hole, the top of the root ball should be flush with the ground. Readjust the hole if this is not the case.
- 4. Backfill the hole 2/3rds of the way. If the soil conditions are poor, mix the original soil with about a quarter compost or loam.
- 5. Fill the planting hole with water. When it drains, fill it again.
- 6. Complete filling the hole with soil until the hole is level with the ground. Gently press the soil to remove air pockets. Construct a small circular wall around the base of the plant. This will help keep water in place for the soil to absorb it.
- 7. Spread about 3" of mulch around the plant, avoiding the area close to the trunk.

Welcome to the Aspetuck Green Corridor. Congratulations on your new native planting!





