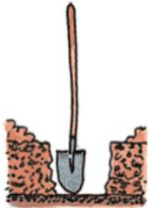


# Instructions for Planting Bare-Root Trees and Shrubs

Adapted from *Arbor Day Foundation* and *Growing a Green World*



Carefully untangle the roots;  
Don't let roots dry out;  
Soak for several hours before planting;



Dig a hole 2x larger than the roots when they're spread out;  
Pile a mound of soil in the center of the hole to provide a base for the plant;



Center the plant on the mound and drape the roots around it;  
The top of the roots should be flush with the ground;  
Partially fill the hole (2/3 to top) and gently firm the soil around the roots;



Water; fill the hole with the remaining soil;  
Water again;  
After the water has soaked in, top with 2-3" of mulch around the base, but not touching the trunk; gently tap down to insure good soil contact;

**There is no need to add fertilizer, peat moss or other soil amendments.**

**Keep your new plant watered in dry periods – every 7 days should do it in ordinary conditions. Soil around the plant should be moist but not soggy.**