PLANTING POTTED AND BARE ROOT PLANTS

1. Use a shovel to dig a hole 1.5X bigger than the pot of plant (or its roots, if bare root.)
2. Keep broken up soil next to hole.
3. Loosen up roots from plant and separate from soil.
4. Place plant with roots pointing down, bury root completely in the soil.
5. Pack soil around plant tightly; even it out with surrounding undisturbed soil.

PLANTING TIPS

- To test if you’ve packed the soil well, do a tug test, pulling gently on the new plant at the top. The plant shouldn't pull out.
- Water generously after planting, and mulch the area to ensure the plant retains water for longer and prevent weeds.
- If you can, plant in fall. Plants develop roots in winter efficiently.

Types of plants

- **Trees**—they usually grow slower than other vegetation, much taller (over 15 ft tall); with large trunks, and can provide great shade in the summer (deciduous) and year round (evergreen).
- **Shrubs**—can be woody, leafy, deciduous or evergreen. They usually fill spaces in the understory, and many native shrubs can do well in partially shaded conditions. Shrubs are usually medium height (6-16 ft at maturity) and width. They grow fast and grow in dense patches.
- **Ground Cover and grasses**—Different type of grasses, sedges, rushes and forbs can be used as a ground cover. They serve as a low maintenance alternative to lawn grass, provide habitat, improve water retention properties of the soil, and improve erosion control.

Bare root plants

Bare root plants are first year seedlings, sold in bundles, excellent for reforesting large areas at low costs.

**Pros:** Cheap, easy to plant, great value.

**Cons:** Longer time to grow and provide erosion to grow, may not be available everywhere.

Live stakes

Live stakes are cuttings from a fast growing shrub or tree and can be planted to sprout a new tree. Cuttings can be collected from a tree on your property in late fall or winter when the plants are dormant.

**Pros:** Instant landscaping; fast growth and establishment.

**Cons:** More expensive and more labor intensive to plant.

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