

### Planting the Tree.

In making the hole in which the tree is to be set, care should be taken to have it considerably wider and deeper than is necessary to accommodate the roots. Before placing the tree the hole should be partly filled with good garden loam or the surface soil which has been removed and set aside when making the hole. Sufficient of this richer soil is filled in to bring the tree to the same level at which it stood before being taken up. Do not plant too deep. Roots need air. Allow the roots to spread naturally in the hole. Do not bend or crumple them up. If the ball of earth has been removed with the tree, plant earth and all. After placing the tree and spreading the roots naturally fill in the remaining space with good soil. Put in a little at a time and pack firmly before adding more. Be sure that the earth is well packed and in contact with the roots. Level off the surface and leave an inch or so of loose earth on top to act as a mulch.

In setting a tree, care should be taken from the very start to see that the stem is kept perfectly vertical. Any attempt made to straighten it after the planting is done is liable to injure the tree and loosen the soil. To insure the tree being set straight, it is well to have one person hold it, while another does the packing.

### Support Young Tree.

After the earth has been filled in it is advisable to support the tree by means of a stake until it has developed new roots into the surrounding soil. A single stake is usually sufficient, where there is little danger from damage by children, vehicles or live stock. Otherwise a secure crate the full height of the trunk should be constructed about it. The single stake should be long and rigid enough to be driven two feet or more into the ground and still support the tree six or seven feet above the ground. The tree should be attached to the stake in several places by means of cloth strips or pieces of rope. Any chafing may be minimized by the use of a piece of old rubber hose through which the rope has been run and then bent around the tree trunk. Keep the tree well watered during the first season and after as often as may seem necessary.



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