

# PLANTING BARE-ROOT PLANTS IN FALL

Mild weather conditions and warm soils in the fall make it easy to transplant bare roots. Follow these primary recommendations for success:

**Don't delay planting any longer than necessary.** Plant your roots upon arrival or keep refrigerated for a short time until you are able to plant.

**Dig the planting hole large enough** so that the roots can be spread out as needed. Follow our root diagrams in the enclosed *Installing your Bare-Root Plants* pamphlet for optimal planting depth.

**Always water well at the time of planting.** This will moisten the soil, the roots, and settle the soil around the plant. Many roots will continue to grow until the onset of winter. Continue to monitor the soil at your site and water thoroughly to maintain moisture at the level of the roots until freeze-up.

**Avoid extremes.** Continuously wet soil would be excessive and detrimental in the absence of foliage to take up and utilize moisture quickly. Very dry soil may slow or stop any rooting-in progress.

## IMPORTANT

At the onset of winter weather, mulch the planting site to hold in cold and moisture. This insulating layer prevents alternate cycles of freezing and thawing that can cause frost heaving and damage during the long winter and spring extremes. This will likely be many weeks after your initial fall transplant. Wait until the onset of 32 degree or below night temperatures and the ground has frozen. Use what you have available; leaf litter, straw, etc. Remove the winter mulch early spring after freeze-thaw cycles have passed.



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