



Plant Installation

The “Do’s” of Plant Installation

How you plant trees or shrubs can have a serious impact on their health. Taking the time to do it right could save you a lot of trouble in the long run!



You should:

- Research the planting site’s soil chemistry, soil type, and drainage
- Choose a tree or shrub compatible with your site
- Select an appropriate time of year to plant
- Measure the size of the root ball
- Dig a hole 2-3 times the width of the root ball
- Remove the cage before placing
- Spread mulch evenly over the root area
- Stake when necessary to support growth
- Irrigate based on plant species, weather, season, and soil drainage

The “Don'ts” of Plant Installation

You shouldn't:

- Dig the hole deeper than the root ball
- Dig the hole just wide enough to fit the root ball inside
- Add fertilizer or compost to the bottom of the planting hole
- Plant during seasons of severe heat or cold
- Bury trunk flare during planting
- Heap mulch against the trunk
- Water too much, too frequently
- Neglect to water enough during dry spells

