

**Bare
Root**

PLANTING GUIDE

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Many types of plants can be grown from bare root including fruit and shade trees, roses, shrubs, vines and berries. All of these plants are dug out of the ground mechanically in the winter after the leaves have fallen off usually in December. They are graded and kept in cold storage above 32°.

Storage

After you've purchased your bare root plants it's best to get them planted as soon as possible. If you can't get them in the ground the same day, you can keep them in a plastic bag for two to three days in a cool place (below 50°), like your garage. Or you can heel them into potting soil by covering the roots with soil and keeping them moist until you're ready to plant. All your bare root plants should be in the ground by early March or before they start to leaf out.

Planting

Inspect your plants for mechanical damage. Cut off any broken branches or roots. You can trim back the roots if they extend more than 12 inches on

either side of the above ground branches. If you have stored your plants dry in a plastic bag, it's best to soak them in a 5 gallon bucket of water for two or three hours before you plant. Dig an appropriate size hole to accommodate the roots of the plant. Fill the hole with water if the soil is dry and let it drain. Place the plant in the hole so that the soil will reach the same level as before it was dug up. You can usually see where the plant was planted in the ground by a slight difference in color or a good rule of thumb is to

plant it one or two inches above the first roots. Hold the plant up in the hole and back fill with the freshly dug soil and some compost (2/3 soil, 1/3 compost). Tamp the soil down firmly until the soil is mounded slightly higher (3 to 4 inches) than the ground level. Make sure the crown (the area between the roots and the graft) is higher than the ground level. Carve a trough with a hoe about one foot away from the plant in a circle. Water it thoroughly until the water penetrates to the bottom of the hole or to the depth of two feet. If the crown drops below ground level, pull it up gently and repack the soil. Spring rains should help keep the plant moist. Water when the ground begins to crack and dry out to a depth of two to three inches or every seven to ten days if it doesn't rain significantly. See the Three Palms Planting Guide (3palmsnursery.com) for more information on watering, staking, spraying, and pruning. The Sunset Western Garden Book is also a good resource.

Our Guarantee

By following the cultural guidelines outlined in our Planting Guide, your plants should thrive and give you many years of enjoyment. Nearly all plants have been grown in our climate and water. If, for some reason, after following these guidelines, your plants do not grow within 30 days of purchase, we will give you credit towards another purchase. Please note we will not replace plants that have died in the container. We will exchange healthy plants within 10 days of purchase for alternate varieties or nursery credit.

Thank you,

*Phil Kitchen
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