

CARING FOR YOUR SEEDLINGS

Your seedling has the best survival chances when planted as soon as you've received it. The following are some tips that will increase the survival of your seedling from purchase through to establishment:

Tip 1: Transport seedlings carefully: avoid rips and tears of leaves and roots.

Tip 2: Store seedlings in a cool and shaded area until ready to be planted.

Tip 3: Do not store or leave seedlings submerged in water while in storage.

Tip 4: Do not rip or tear root from seedlings; if pruning is necessary, use a sharp blade.

Tip 5: Plant seedlings where they can get sunlight, good soil drainage with ample top soil. (As a rule, never plant on sites that are usually very dry during the summer or very wet during rainy months).

Tip 6: Soil preparation is necessary. With the use of a planting tool, open a hole slightly wider and deeper than either the plug or bag containing the seedling to be planted.

Tip 7: Seedlings should be planted with straight rooting system without compromise (no bending/twisting etc.).

Tip 8: Place the seedling into the hole with the root collar in line with the soil surface. Press around the roots with additional, loose, moist soil.

Tip 9: Water seedling at time of planting and as required until seedling has established roots.

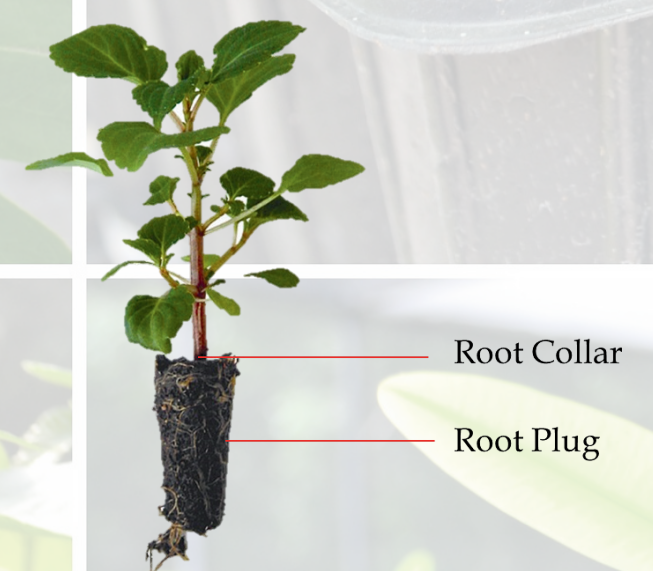
Tip 10: Fertilizer: A relatively good soil does not require fertilizer; however, a slow release (preferably organic) fertilizer can be used to supplement depleted soils.

Tip 11: To maximize moisture and nutrient availability for the plant, keep the planting area free of weeds.

Tip 12: Mulching can also be practiced and is cost effective, and beneficial to both the seedling and the soil.

Tip 13: Continue to monitor plants for signs of disease, pests, or any condition than can negatively alter the plant's growth.

Note: Seedlings should be moist and transplanted within 48 hours after receiving.



THE 1-2-3 OF PLANTING A TREE

1



Dig a hole slightly wider and deeper than the root plug or bag containing the seedling to be planted.

2



Place the root plug or potted/bagged seedling at the bottom of the hole. The root collar should be in line with the soil surface. Seedlings should be planted with straight rooting system without compromise (no bending/twisting).

3



Fill the hole with the soil that was initially removed. Press around the roots with the soil. Make sure to water the seedling depending on how moist the soil is.



Root Collar

Root Plug

This is a picture of a seedling showing the root collar and root plug. This should assist you in steps one and two.