

Steps for Planting Your Seedlings



Step 1. Scoop away any leaf litter from the ground to be planted.



Step 2. Dig a hole for your seedling. You can either use a shovel, Hamilton planter or electric augur for digging. Make sure that the hole is deep enough for your seedling, but not too deep – cold air can get trapped under the roots, damaging them.



Step 3. Remove seedling from container as gently as possible. Firmly tap the top rim of the pot with a spade or on an edge, then turn the pot upside down – the pot should come straight off. You can also squeeze the pot if the seedling is root-bound.



Step 4. Plant your seedling, ensuring that the seedling is planted below the surface of the ground (-2cm). This "bowl effect" will help trap and direct water to the seedling.



Step 5. Push soil down gently around seedling so that there are no air gaps.



Step 6. Bring back mulch around plant (keeping stem -5cm clear of mulch).



Step 8. Water in you seedling, taking care not to disturb the soil around the plant.



Step 9. Place a biodegradable tree guard around your seedling, with the seedling in the centre of the tree guard. Use a rubber mallet to bang in the stake.

