

PLANTING

PAUL DROBOT

Growing Containers

- Plastic
- Rottable
 - Fiber/Paper Mache
 - Wooden Baskets
- Balled and Burlaped (B&B)
 - Normal burlap
 - Treated or green burlap
- Bare root

Types of potted plant material

- Spring potted bare root material
- Field potted plant material
- Container grown

Digging the Hole

- The hole should be larger than the size of the container
- Backfill material
 - Good topsoil
 - Modified existing soil
 - Existing soil
- Firm as you go to eliminate air pockets, roots will not grow into air
- For heavy plant material dig the hole only as deep as needed

Fertilizer

- All plants should be fertilized when planting
- Types of fertilizer
 - Dry/granular – such as Milorganite
 - Packets
 - Slow release
 - Liquid

Water

- When planting create a water bowl
- First watering is critical to the survival of the plant
- Entire root ball needs to be soaked
- Sprinklers are not a good way to water plants
- Water directly on the plant
- Rate – depends on the time of year

When to plant

In general anytime of year is good
Spring and fall are the best

Misc.

Always plant a bit higher than a bit lower
The less root disturbance the better
Pruning is usually not needed

Trees

A 2-2 1/2" caliper tree is about as large of a tree that 1-2 people can handle
For heavy trees, make sure the root ball is sitting directly on undisturbed soil
Wire baskets do not need to be removed
If a plant is planted too deep, use a bar or pipe in the basket to lift the plant
To a great extent staking is optional