

Planting Cell Grown Trees

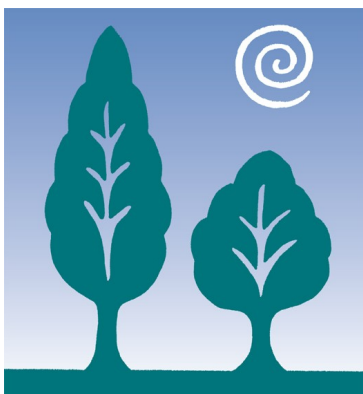


1. Insert spade vertically and inline with yourself in to the ground.
2. Remove spade and insert again, with the spade facing you, at the end of the first slit furthest away and at 90° so that a **T** is formed.
3. With the spade still in the ground, push it away from you so that the first slit opens up. Place the plant in to this open slit at the correct depth ~ top of the root cell an inch **below** the level of the surrounding soil.
4. Pull back the spade to vertical allowing the slit to close up on the root cell. The top of the root cell should not be visible.
5. Remove spade.
6. Firm the soil by treading using the front of your foot.

Weeds compete for soil moisture, light, nutrients and can sometimes cause physical damage to the newly planted tree. It is therefore essential to clear and maintain an area 1 yard / meter square of any competing vegetation from around the stem of the tree. The use of herbicide to control weeds is the most widely used method. When applying, it is **imperative** that no herbicide is applied to the stem or foliage of the tree.

On small planting schemes, a safer method is to use our plastic mulch mats. Once placed and secured around the base of each tree these will control competing vegetation all year round. For hedging, mulch rolls can be placed either side of the hedge line.

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