

# Planting A Tree

## Gardening Card 4



These are few recommendations about planting trees whether you want to plant a sapling in a pot or in the ground.

1. Remove the tree from its container if there is one
2. Soak tree in a big bucket /trug
3. Dig a square hole that is deep enough and about twice as wide as the plant root ball. Fork the bottom of the hole to ensure the soil is loose.
4. Place the plant in the hole and place a stick across the hole ensuring the stick rests on the two sides of the hole and the top of the root ball
5. The plant should not be planted too deep
6. Remove plant and pour remaining water in to bottom of the planting hole
7. Insert stakes beside the tree before planting if bare rooted or use angled stake after if containerised.
8. Do not use manure in the bottom of the hole.
9. Place tree in hole and back fill with remaining soil and firm in well
10. Water tree and place mulch around it but avoid mulch touching the bark

