

## **How to Care for your plants.**

Plants should be kept in a cool protected area and roots should not be allowed to dry out.

Your plants will do better if you plant them right away.

### **Bare root planting:**

Carefully untangle the roots. You may want to soak the roots in water for a few minutes up to an hour prior to planting. Do not let the roots dry out.

Dig a hole that is twice the diameter of the roots. The hole should be deep enough to accommodate the roots without crowding or bending. Adjust the height of the hole so that the crown (where the trunk meets the roots) will sit at or ever so slightly above soil level.

Carefully backfill the hole, keeping the roots pointing straight down and spread out. For trees, this is especially critical. Roots should not be twisted or bent or in the shape of a J.

### **Container Plants:**

Carefully break up any roots that seem tight or compacted.

Dig a hole that is twice the diameter of the container. The hole should be deep enough to accommodate the root mass. Adjust the height of the hole so that the crown (where the trunk meets the roots) will sit at or ever so slightly above soil level.

Carefully backfill the hole. Soil should be pressed down to prevent air holes but not compacted.

Water in your plant.