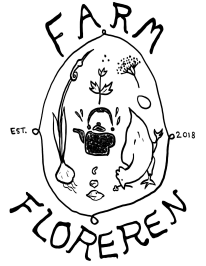


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Planting and Care Instructions for Your Bare Root Seedlings & Plants

Planting Timing:

- Spring and Fall are great times to plant. Plants are dormant and there is soil moisture!
- Pick out and prep planting spots beforehand (as time allows). As early as the year before if able.
- Do not let the roots dry out. Keep your bare root seedlings in the sale bag with moist medium or heeled into the soil until planting.
- For best results, plant them as soon as possible after you receive them.
- If not planting right away:
 - 1) Store in dark, moist, cool space, and make sure the roots are kept moist if for more than a few days or,
 - 2) Heel them in (shallow hole dug in soil to bury roots temporarily).

Location Considerations:

- Mature size of plant (i.e., height, width, roots) and neighbouring plants/structures.
- Accessibility for harvest, soil type, soil compaction, moisture levels, light availability.
- Relatively close (e.g., distance of the mature tree diameter) to a pollinizer tree for pollination needs.

Digging the Hole and Planting Your Seedlings:

- You can place the roots in a bucket of water to soak for a few hours before planting to hydrate them.
- Dig the planting hole deeper than the depth and wider than the seedling's roots.
- If soil is compacted, fork or slice the bottom and sides of the hole for water/air/root flow.
- Cleanly snip/prune damaged or super long roots before planting.
- Place the plant into the hole to a depth so that the soil surface lines up the point on the plant where the roots become the trunk (look for markings of how it was originally 'planted').
- Refill hole with only what you dug out. Fill in the hole and tamp firmly with your hands layer by layer to prevent big air pockets (don't over-compact).
 - Save amendment applications (e.g., compost, forest soil inoculant, etc.) for the surface. Some people prefer to mix these into the excavated soil before refilling—that's okay too, but not my preference.

- Firmly tamp with hands and or feet BEFORE watering (do not want to over compact wet soil).

Watering, Mulching, and Protecting:

- Water in newly planted seedlings with up to a 5 gallon bucket's worth of water.
 - In the Spring time, do this once a week for the first few weeks after planting to ensure establishment (unless it's raining a lot).
- Mulch ~6 inches with coarse wood chips/leaves/cardboard/high-carbon material in a donut style (NOT volcano pile that buries the trunk) for the establishing years to keep back weeds and hold soil moisture. Keep all mulch materials a couple inches back from trunk, especially cardboard.
- Install varying types of tree guards (white plastic spiral wrap, hardware cloth and snow fencing or page wire fence, etc.) to keep mice, rabbits, deer, lawn mowers away.

Tell them how much you love them, visit them, and enjoy!

I hope this information helps to get you started! There is some more information about the tree species you have purchased on our website, www.florerenfarm.com, and I am happy to answer any quick questions you may have. I also offer design consultation services. If you would like assistance with designing your farm, hedgerows, agroforestry systems, home garden, forest garden, or landscape, please connect with me.

Thanks for planting plants for now and the future!



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