



Fruit Tree Planting Detail

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PLANTING FRUIT TREES AND FRUIT SHRUBS

Kackenhoff's fruit trees and shrubs are sold in containers, plastic or fiber, and that means they can safely be planted anytime from spring until freeze up.

LOCATION

It is important to select a site that is well drained and provides protection from northwest winds. Fruit trees do not like "wet feet".

PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Dig a hole that is twice as large as the container the tree or shrub was in. In our clay soils it is advisable to dig the hole another 6" to 8" deeper and fill this area with material such as pea gravel or river wash stone for drainage.
2. Place a single layer of filter cloth (landscape fabric) at the bottom of the hole over the drainage stone to separate the drainage material and planting soil. The filter cloth prevents the newly added soil from being washed away.
3. Place a 6" layer of planting soil (a mixture of topsoil, peat moss, and sand) over the filter cloth and firm down.
4. Remove the plant from the container and place in the center of hole and plumb. Plant the tree slightly lower than it grew in the container. Care must be taken not to plant too deeply – the graft union should be above the final soil level.
5. Fill the hole to three-quarters with planting soil mix and firm down. Water with a plant starter fertilizer and let it seep away (this will expel any air pockets). Add the balance of the soil, water and firm down soil. In our heavy soil a watering saucer is not recommended – rather, mound the soil slightly 2" to 3".
6. Trees should be staked on the northwest side (the prevailing wind side) and securely tied for at least 2 years. Remember to remove the tie once the tree has been firmly established.

WATERING

Use common sense. The amount of water a plant requires will vary from week to week due to the amount of precipitation or drought. As a rule of thumb water 2 times a week for the first 3 weeks after planting and thereafter once a week until established.

Plants are more often killed by overwatering than underwatering.

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