

# How to plant annuals, shrubs and trees. . .

Plants care begins with proper planting. Dig a hole at least wider than the root ball or container size. Save the soil in a wheelbarrow or tarp to blend and refill the hole when planting.

Blend the following ingredients with soil taken out of the hole . . . .

## Annual plants (4" pot size)

- Small hand trowel of Planting Soil (1 cu. ft.)
- 1 Tablespoon Milorganite or Espoma Plant Tone
- 3 granules of Hort-a-sorb (if a dry location or drought)

## Small plants (6"- 8" pot size)

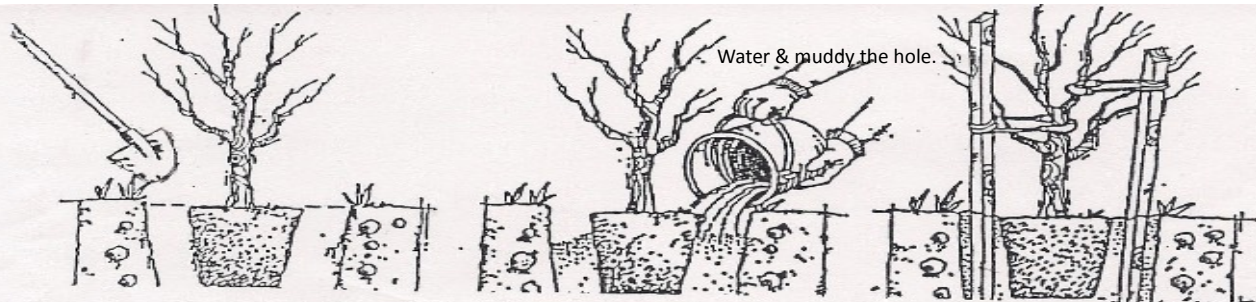
- ¼ bag of Planting Soil (1 cu. ft.)
- ½ cup Milorganite or Espoma Plant Tone
- 1 Teaspoon of Hort-a-sorb (if a dry location or drought)

## Large Plants or Trees (10"- 12" pot size)

- ½ bag of Planting Soil (1 cu. ft.)
- 1 cup Milorganite or Espoma Plant Tone
- 1 Tablespoon of Hort-a-sorb (if a dry location or drought)

Do Not break up the root ball. Plant the same level of soil no deeper. Recommended 1" high than ground level especially if applying mulch about a month later. During the planting process, water the hole when filling in with the blended soil so no air pockets will form. Water plants daily for the first 30-45 days in the morning to get them established\*, longer if in a severe drought. Water for 30 minutes and ½ inch of water should be applied. Use a stationary sprinkler not irrigation system. Irrigation can be used if a complete landscape job is done.

\*Takes 3 years to get a large plant or tree established, first year to root, second year to shoot & grow, third year to flower or fruit.



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