

Tree Planting.

All trees will be container trees and following the below method of planting:

Step 1

Soak the root ball of the potted tree in a bucket of water for 1-2 hours. Mark out the area of the hole to be dug – about 3 to 4 times the diameter of the trees root ball. Lift any turf or weeds. Dig the hole to 1.5 times the depth of the root ball.

Step 2.

Scarify the sides of the hole with a fork. Mix the removed soil with rotted organic matter.

Step 3

Get the stake and hammer into the ground, just off centre and on the windward side. Add up to 20% of the organic matter and soil mixture into the pit.

Step 4

Lay the tree on its side and slide out of the pot. Gently tease out the roots without breaking up the root ball and remove any weeds from the compost.

Step 5

Hold the tree next to the stake and spread out the roots. Lay a cane across the hole to check the planting depth. Adjust this by adding or removing the soil.

Step 6

Backfill around the tree with more of the topsoil and organic matter. Firm around the tree in stages by treading then fork over lightly and water well.

Step 7

Cut back damaged stems and lower feathers. Mulch 5-7 cms deep around the tree.

Shrub Planting

All shrubs will be container and planted to the following method:

Step 1

Dig a hole twice the width of the shrubs root ball. Mix the removed soli with organic matter. Fork over the base and the sides of the hole.

Step 2

Placing one hand on top of the compost and around the shrub to support it, carefully ease the shrub out of the container. Place the shrub in the prepared hole.

Step 3

Lay a cane alongside to check that the soil level is the same as before. Adjust the planting depth if necessary, by adding or removing topsoil beneath the shrub.

Step 4

Backfill around the shrub with the removed soil and organic matter mixture, firming the soil in stages to prevent air pockets from forming.

Step 5

Once the hole has been filled with the planting mixture, carefully firm the soil around the shrub with your hand.

Step 6

Water the shrub thoroughly: apply a mulch of well-rotted compost or pulverized bark about 5-7 cm deep and 30 cms wide around the shrub.