

# Planting Your Seedling



## Take Care of the Roots

- Soak in water for 1-2 hours before planting
- Do not let roots dry out – if you cannot plant immediately, make sure roots are completely covered in damp paper towels

## Prepare a Planting Area

- Generally recommended to plant your seedling in a pot for its first summer & transplant to ground in the fall
- Select a location where the seedling will have adequate space to grow into a full sized tree both above and below the ground (paying special attention to utility wires)
- Dig a hole slightly larger than the roots spread out

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- Place the root collar (the place where the roots join the stem) at soil level
- Partially fill the hole, firm the soil, and water the plant
- Fill the rest of the hole, water again, and add loose soil and mulch
- Make sure to break up all the soil clods and to water sufficiently to prevent air pockets. Fertilizer is not needed at this time.

## Caring For Your Seedling

- Water deeply and regularly (one deep watering a week is enough)
- Water during dry periods for the first three years

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