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Blerick Tree Farm – Planting Guide

HOW TO TRANSPORT AND PLANT A BARE ROOTED TREE

Bare rooted trees have dug up out of the paddock, once they become dormant in winter. It is essential that their roots never dry out. When transporting barerooted trees, they need to have their roots covered. Suitable methods include: wet blankets or hesian, to wrap roots or large plastic bags or chaf bags, and or a large tarp to cover trailer. Do not transport trees with their roots exposed.

It is best to plant bare-root trees immediately, in order to keep the fragile roots from drying out. If you can't plant because of weather or soil conditions, store the trees in a cool place and keep the roots moist. This can be done by covering the roots with damp soil or sawdust.



1: Unpack tree and soak in water 3 to 6 hours. Do not allow roots to dry out.



2: Dig a hole, wider than seems necessary, so the roots can spread without crowding. Remove any grass within a 1 metre circular area. To aid root growth, turn soil in an area up to 1 metre in diameter. Make a small mound in the middle of the hole and allow the roots to spread over this mound.



3: Plant the tree at the same depth it stood in the nursery, without crowding the roots. Partially fill the hole, firming the soil around the lower roots. Do not add soil amendments.



4: Shovel in the remaining soil. It should be firmly, but not tightly packed with your heel. Construct a water-holding basin around the tree. Give the tree plenty of water.



5: After the water has soaked in, place a 2-inch deep protective mulch area 3 feet in diameter around the base of the tree (but not touching the trunk).



6: Water the tree generously (approx 10 litres) every week or 10 days during the first year.