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*"Thank you for planting your baby tree seedling.  
We thank you and the Planet thanks you!"*

## Care & Planting Instructions

### Before You Plant - A Word of Caution

Your tree is a living baby plant. **Never let your seedling dry out** before you get it safely in the ground. **If it dries, it dies.**

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Note: A little yellowing can occur during shipping due to lack of light. If it will be a while before you plant or present, it is a good idea to keep the seedling/s outside where it can 'green up'!

Avoid temperature extremes. Fluctuations in temperature, esp. excessive heat during storage & transport can result in seedling trauma.

**How to Plant** - Plant your seedling as soon as you can in a sunny open location, 10 ft or more away from other trees. Coniferous trees like pine, spruce, fir and hemlock need a **10 to 12 ft width** of growing space to spread full size (will grow up to 70 ft in height)

**Next**, with a small shovel or garden trowel, **dig a hole to cover the root plug and three times as wide.** Remove large stones & roots & twigs, fill hole with water & wait 'til it is absorbed into the ground.

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**Now**, carefully remove any poly bagging, decorative paper, etc. from the tree seedling, being careful not to damage roots.

You can leave the protective moss on or wrap a little around with the seedling, as it helps keep the roots cool and moist.

**Plant** seedlings deeply, covering the trunk (stem) if necessary up to the green needles. Greater exposure to the soil & its water content, (even 1/2 inch of added depth of planting) significantly improves survival rates.

Hold tree upright while you backfill the hole with soil. Gently but firmly tamp down the earth around the seedling. Water again gently.

**Note: If you live in an apartment** or can't plant your seedling outside right away, plant in a good size pot w/ drainage holes, keep well watered on balcony or a cool but sunny location. Plant asap, or when it's too big for a patio pot!

**Keep well watered** until it has a strong root system & can survive on normal rain & snowfall (2 - 3 ft in height)

Enjoy your new tree! Hugging is okay (when it's a bit bigger!)