

## Pre-planting Instructions

1. Keep plants in a cool shady area.
2. Cover rootballs of unpotted plants with wet burlap to reduce drying.
3. Plant as soon as possible.

## How to Plant Trees & Shrubs

1. Dig a hole the same height and 3 times the width of the rootball.
2. Prepare a mixture of 80% garden soil and 20% peat moss.
3. Place enough mixture in bottom of the hole to bring the rootball to just below ground level; firm to remove air pockets. NEVER plant a tree deeper than it is in the pot!
4. Mix fertilizer solution (Lois' Growing Season 20-20-20); 5 litres (one gallon) for every 30 centimeters (one foot) of height or spread. NOTE: *when using Myke™ use 20-20-20 at half rate.*
5. Place plant in hole.
6. Fill hole with remaining soil mixture and firm to remove air pockets.
7. Leave a slight depression around plant and add fertilizer solution.
8. Add a shallow layer of mulch: bark, pine cones, rocks or peat moss, to help retain soil moisture.

## Watering & First Growing Season Care

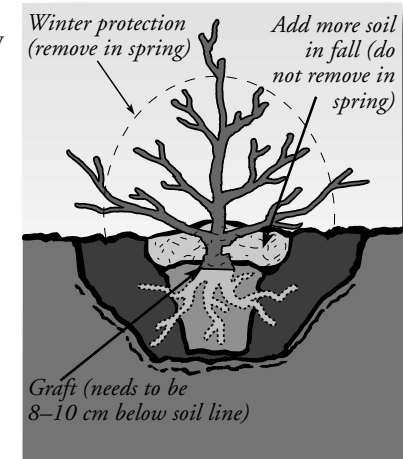
1. Water all trees and shrubs at least twice a week for the first growing season.
2. Fill the diked area with water (5 litres per 30 centimeters [one gallon per foot] of growth).
3. If the water is thoroughly absorbed in less than ½ hour, repeat the watering.
4. If the soil remains very wet between waterings, reduce the water volume by ½, but maintain the same weekly schedule.
5. Fertilize with Growing Season 20-20-20 once a month until the end of July. NOTE: *when using Myke™ use 20-20-20 at half rate.*

For more complete growing & planting information on trees, shrubs and roses be sure to check Lois Hole's *Favorite Trees & Shrubs* or *Rose Favorites*. For solving problems quickly, try the new Question & Answer books: *Roses* or *Trees & Shrubs*.



### TENDER ROSES

- Graft needs to be 8–10 cm below the soil line.
- If there is active green growth at the graft level then leave a depression in the soil until fall.



### POTTED TREES

#### Plastic

- Always remove plastic pots from potted plants.
- Rough up sides of rootball to promote root growth.
- Stake any tree over 1.5 m tall.

#### Fibre

- Do not remove fibre pots from potted plants.
- Cut off rim and slash sides (if it appears that root ball will fall apart—*stop* and back fill).
- Stake any tree over 1.5 m tall.

### BALLED & BURLAPPED TREES

- Do not remove burlap completely from balled and burlapped trees; just open and lay burlap along sides of the hole.
- Stake any tree over 1.5 m tall.

