

## Securing a Tree

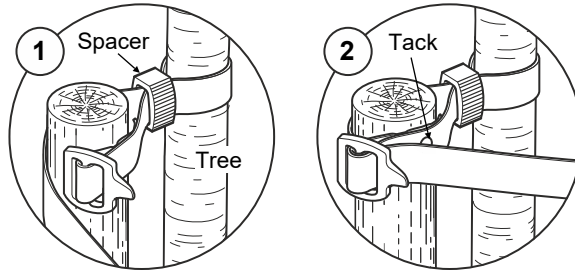
### Tree Tie

Slide the spacer onto the tie, place around the tree and back through the spacer (**dia 1**).

Wrap the tie around the stake through the tie buckle, do not over tighten (**dia 2**).

Finally fix the tie to the stake at the buckle side using a tack.

Remember to loosen the tree tie as the stem thickens.



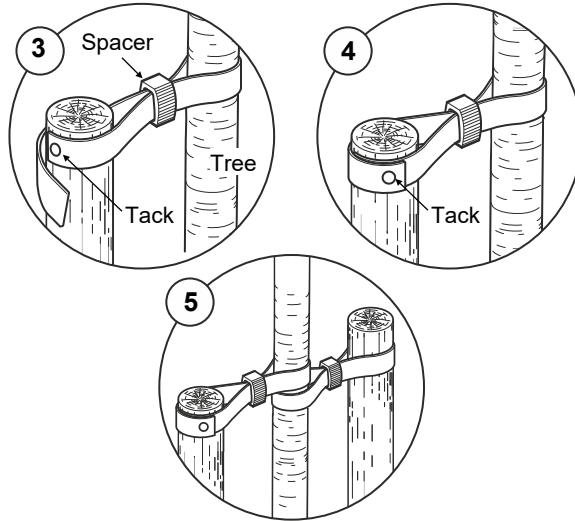
### Tree Strap

Use strapping for larger trees.

Tack the first end of the strap to the stake, slide on a spacer wrap around the tree and back through the spacer (**dia 3**).

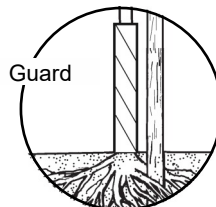
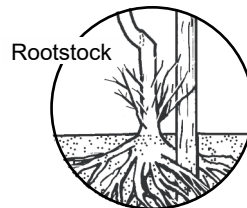
Wrap the remaining strap around the stake and fix with another tack, avoiding the first tack (**dia 4**).

If using two tree stakes repeat for the other side (**dia 5**).



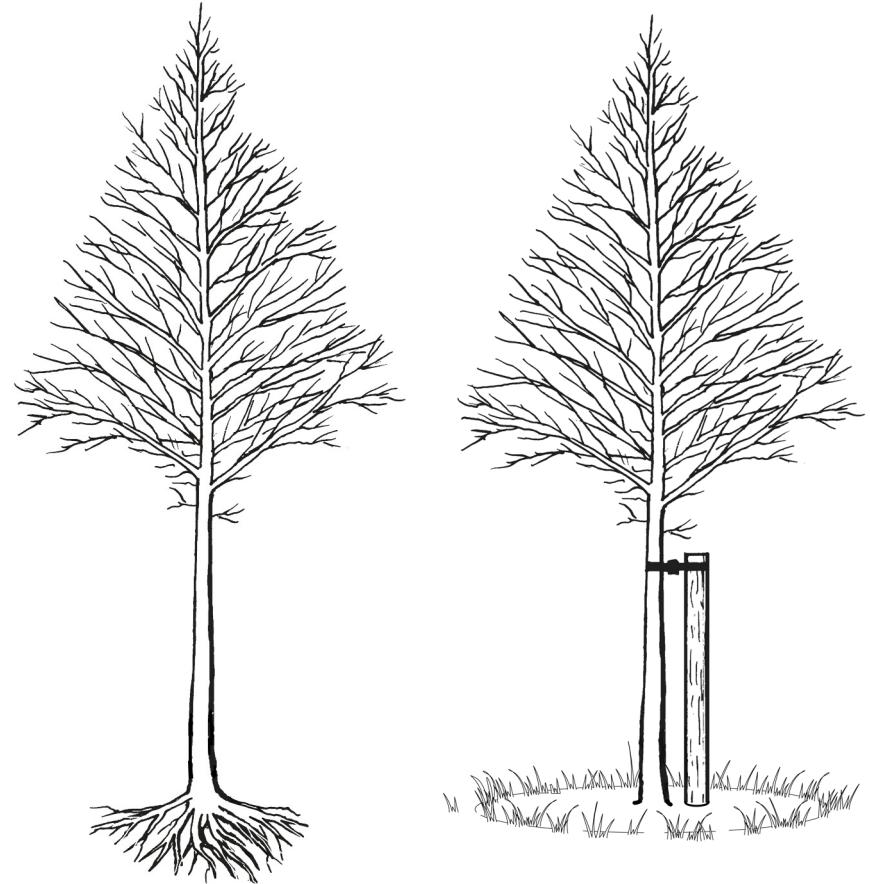
## Aftercare

- To avoid competition for water and nutrients provide a weed-free circle of 1 Metre diameter around the plant.
- This can be achieved with herbicide or mulch, and should continue for two years after planting.
- Check the plant occasionally.
- When watering give the plant sufficient water to soak down to the roots.
- If it has rocked in the wind, firm the base or supply additional support.
- Prune off any damaged or diseased parts.
- Prune off any Rootstock growth.
- Loosen tree ties as the stem thickens.
- Protect the plant from animal and strimmer damage. (See our range plant care products).



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Planting a new tree is not a difficult job. Getting it right will give your new plants the best start in life. Newly planted trees do best when they are able to acclimatise before the onset of dry weather or freezing ground conditions.

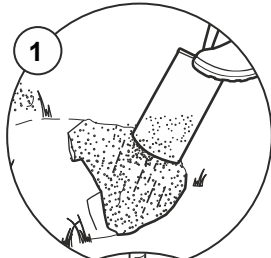
## Planting and Aftercare of Bare Root Trees and Shrubs

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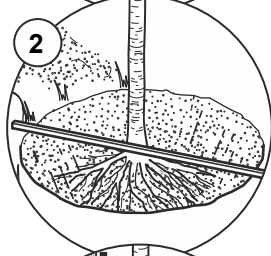
## Planting a Bare Root Tree

Bare rooted trees and shrubs are available in the autumn and winter. They should only be planted when they are dormant. (Typically November to March).

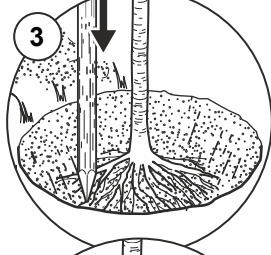
**1.** In the required position dig a hole large enough for the roots, there should be at least 100mm all around the root system. Prepare the soil by mixing in some soil conditioner or well rotted organic material (do not use the sub-soil that was dug from the hole).



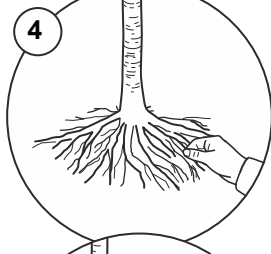
**2.** Place in the hole and check the level of the root system using a cane or stake, the old soil mark should be level with the ground surface and not below. Adjust the depth of the hole accordingly by digging it out further or adding more soil.



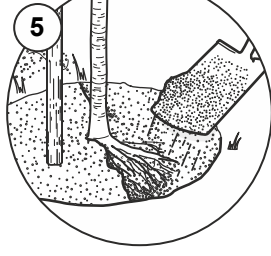
**3.** Position the stake in the required position. If you find the roots are in the way angle the stake into the bottom of the hole. Ensure that the top of the stake is near enough to the tree for the tree tie to be fitted later. Remove the tree and bang in the stake.



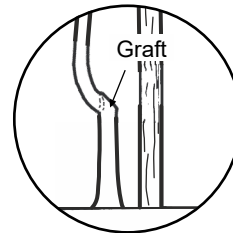
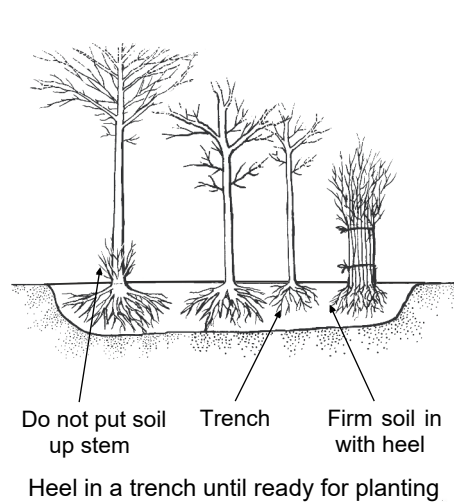
**4.** Should any of the roots be tangled together carefully tease them apart, cut out any damaged roots.



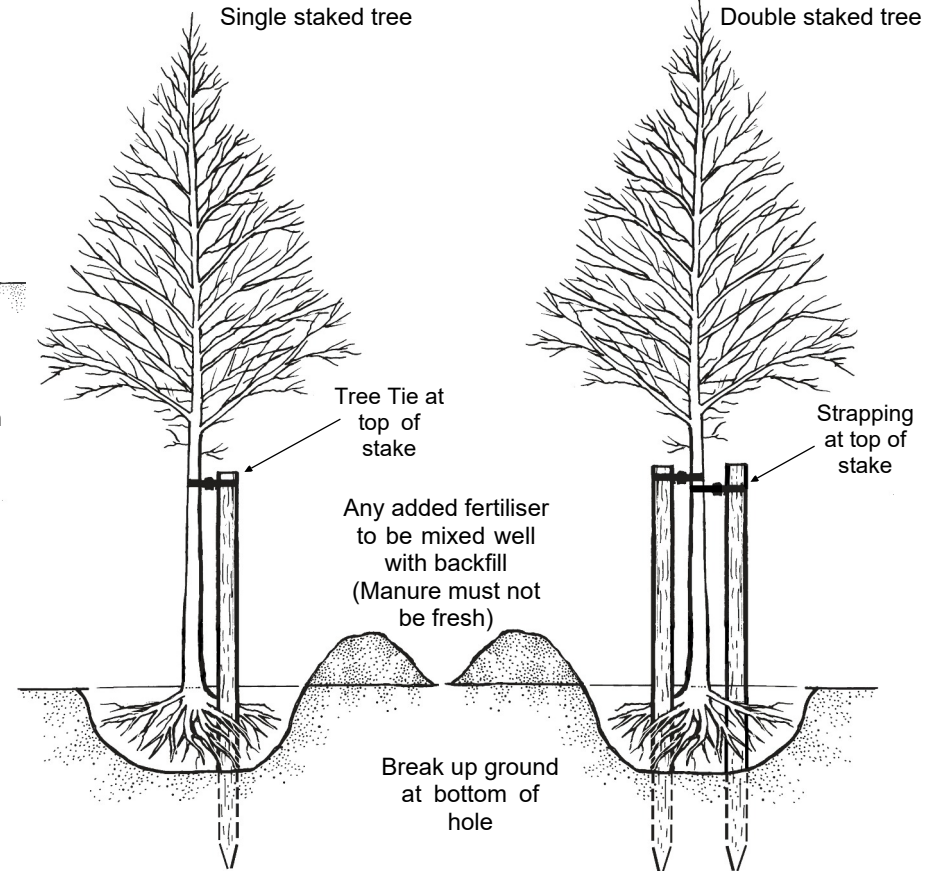
**5.** Place the tree in position next to the stake and backfill the hole using the prepare topsoil. Tread on the soil to firm in the tree. Water in well. Use a mulch to keep to away the weeds and help contain the moisture.



Finally secure the tree to the stake using a tree tie (see over page).



The graft is not the planting height



### Tips for planting a Bare Root Tree

- Keep plants in a cool, shady place. Protect plants at all times from Bruising, Heat, Frost and Drying conditions.
- Plant within 24 hours or remove plastic bag and heel in a trench. (See above).
- Water if dry. Carry plants in a plastic bag to stop drying in the wind.
- Dig a big enough hole to give roots plenty of room.
- Mix soil conditioner with backfill before covering roots.
- Gently shake plant as you backfill. This eliminates spaces around the roots.
- Trees and Shrubs must be planted so the original soil depth on the stem is level with the surface of the ground.
- Firm in well.
- Keep weeds away; they compete for valuable water and nutrients.
- When using Mulches do not pile it against the stem; they can rot the stem.
- Fix with a Tree tie if necessary.
- Add a Strimmer Guard or Rabbit Guard for protection.