## Placement Considerations

#### **Lighting**

Check the spot you want to plant and learn how much sunshine it gets:

Full sun = 6+ hours each day Part Sun = 4 – 6 hours each day Part Shade = 4 – 6 hours each day Shade = 4 or less hours each day

#### Soil Type

Check to see if you have sandy, clay, loam or a mixture of any of the above

Dry or Wet Look for standing water and/or it takes longer to drain.

South and West sides of the residence typically tend to be drier

Sandy soils are typical dry because they have a challenging time holding water

#### Near Black Walnut trees?

If so, be sure to find plants, trees and shrubs that can tolerate the juglone chemicals



### **Warranty Information**

Our warranty compensates customers for tree/shrub/evergreen failures for one year from the purchase date. If the tree/shrub purchased does not survive one year, K&A Greenhouse will reimburse the customer one time for **100% of the purchase price** in the form of store credit.

#### Replacement trees/shrubs are not guaranteed.

In the case of a warrantied tree/shrub failure, the customer must bring in a photo of the dead plant along with the receipt from K&A Greenhouse showing the date of purchase and purchase price.

If no receipt is present but we can determine the tree/shrub was purchased from us within the past year, a replacement may be purchased at 50% off the original price.

#### Exclusions from this warranty include:

- Trees/shrubs that have suffered in appearance but are capable of recovering
- Plants that have not had adequate time to come out of dormancy in the spring
- Plants damaged by improper/delayed planting, insufficient care/watering, insects, pests/pets, disease, or mechanical/storm injury
- Trees/shrubs purchased on clearance from the Bargain Bin
- Herbaceous perennials, annuals, veggies/herbs, baskets/planters, vines, berries, or trees/shrubs/evergreens not transplanted into the ground
- Japanese maples or Butterfly Bush
- Trees/shrubs purchased with warranty credit



# Tree & Shrub Information

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## Planting Instructions

- Dig a hole about 4-6" wider than the pot and same depth or slightly shallower that the soil level in the pot (so that the plant sits slightly higher than the grade). NOTE: Many trees purchased from nurseries are planted too deep in the pot b/c of wholesale growers. To keep the trees from being planted too deep, dig the top layer of soil away until you see a flare in the trunk (that is the depth the tree should be planted in your landscape)
- Gently remove the plant from its pot. Use a soil knife or other tool and make an 'X' in the bottom of the root ball. Use same tool and score 4 vertical lines on the sides of the root ball (to encourage roots to grow out instead of continuing in a circle)
- When plant is in hole, make sure it is level with the grade in sandy and/or loamy soil or 1-2" above, if clay
- 4) Fill hole with soil that you dug from it– breaking up any chunks
- 5) Water the plant in, using a trickle, for 5 minutes. Add more soil, as needed, so there is no dip around root ball.
- 6) Mulch around plant with wood mulch leaving a several inch gap from trunk. NOTE: If you use stones, you will be watering MUCH MORE b/c they absorb sun's heat and dry out plant's roots faster. Rock mulch adds additional stresses to new plantings.

### (STAPLE RECEIPT HERE)

### Watering Instructions

Newly planted trees/shrubs will need 1" to 1 ½" of water each week for the first two seasons. This includes rainwater, so if it is raining/has rained, you may not need to water as often.

Place hose nozzle on the ground, at base of the tree/shrub, where its trunk meets the soil. Turn the water on at a trickle (the width of a pen or slightly larger) and let it run for about 10-15 minutes for shrubs and 20-30 minutes for trees.

After 3 days, check and see if the soil is dry. We recommend putting your finger into the soil, to your second knuckle, to see if there is still dampness vs assessing by looking at soil or mulch.

If it is still wet or moist, you do not need to water. Continue checking the soil until you need to water again.

NOTE: Soaker hoses work well if you wind them around beds and get them in contact with root systems. To assess how long to keep the hoses on, take an empty tuna can and mark ½" and 1" on inside. Run the soaker and see how long it takes to fill to each mark – then you will know how long to run the soaker in the future.

USEFUL: Gator bags, or similar, that fit around the trunks have small holes in them so water drains out slowly.