

TREES

There are many benefits of having a tree or two in the garden. Clever placement of a tree can add a new dimension, whether just to create height or to screen off a bad view. At Brimsore Gardens, Poundbury Gardens and Castle Gardens we stock the largest range of trees and have experts in these departments to help you make your choice.

All you need to do is to know what you want from your tree. Do you want flowers, berries, evergreen or deciduous foliage, autumn colour or interesting bark? How tall do you want it to grow? Once you know the answers to these questions then our experts will guide you to the best tree for the job.



You might think that you have a small garden that it is impossible to have a tree. Well think again, with varieties such as the Kilmarnock Willow, dwarf flowering cherries and many others, you can easily have a small tree and even grow one in a container.

The average size of a tree when you buy one in the garden centre is about 6-7ft. Within a couple of years your new tree will be getting established and growing nicely towards its ultimate height. Sometimes you may feel that you can't wait so we have a big range of semi mature trees to fill this gap. These trees have a five or six year head start on the normal range and can have instant effect in the garden. Some with a height at the time of purchase of 20ft and a good 'head' of branches can look like they've been planted for years. Before you get put off with the idea of having to plant one of these monsters consider taking advantage of our planting service.

For peace of mind we will give you instructions on how to care for your tree (watering, feeding and pruning if required) and we guarantee all of our trees for two years ensuring that they will get a good start and establish properly.

For our full range of trees check the plant lists on our shopping page.



General Planting advice:

1. Make sure that your choice of tree is suitable e.g. some plants prefer acidic soil conditions such as Halesia, Magnolia grandiflora and Nyssa. Others such as silver leaved plants prefer hot, dry sunny situations. Ask for assistance from our qualified staff and our specific care leaflets.
2. Plant container grown plants at any time of the year unless the ground is waterlogged or frozen or drought stricken.
3. Dig a planting hole larger than the pot or rootball. Break up the base of the hole with a fork and add planting compost. Use approximately 5 litres of compost for a small shrub and 10 litres per tree.
4. Sprinkle ROOTGROW into the planting hole, which will assist enormously in establishment of the plant.
5. Remove the pot. Place the plant into the hole so that the top of the rootball is at the same level as the surrounding ground. Any graft should be above the level of the soil.
6. Trees need firm staking. A stake at low level will encourage root development. Position the stake so that the prevailing wind pushes the tree away from the stake. The stake should be at an angle to avoid damaging the roots. Always use a tree tie to prevent the stake from damaging the bark of your new tree.
7. Back fill with soil and compost and gently firm in.
8. Cover the area with a bark mulch which will conserve moisture, reduce weeds and enhance growth. Avoid burying the main stem of the plant.
9. Water copiously in the first two growing seasons. 3-5 gallons twice a week per tree and 2-3 gallons twice a week per shrub unless the ground is already wet. Establishment will take many months and will be enhanced by keeping plants well watered.
10. Feed regularly during the growing season. Ask for advice to choose the correct fertilizer.

