

HOW TO PLANT A FIBER POTTED TREE

Dig Hole

Step 1: Dig hole 3-4" wider than the pot and the same depth the dirt is in the pot. Keep the soil levels in the pot the same with the soil level in the natural landscape.

Prep Pot

Step 2: Use a serrated knife and below the lip of the pot, cut a vertical line coming down the side of the pot. Then cut a horizontal line along the bottom of the pot. These cuts will look like an upside down "T". You will do this 3-4 times but making sure the "tops" of the "T's" don't touch. This way your pot stays intact.

Plant Pot/Tree

Step 3: Place the pot into your hole and adjust the tree so it is positioned the way you want it to grow. Then back fill 1/3 of the way with a mixture of ½ compost and ½ existing soil (even if soil is mainly rocks). Once you have a bit of soil around the pot cut the rest of the way through the lip of the pot. Now you should have 3-4 panels you will rip out of the hole. The bottom of your pot will stay in the hole and will disintegrate within a year. Some of the soil in the pot may fall away from the trees roots when the side panels are torn off. This is normal, not to worry!

Back Fill

Step 4: Now it is time to back fill the tree with a mixture of ½ compost and ½ existing soil. Once back fill is complete, water in your tree. You may find you have to do a little more back filling once the water drains away.

Fertilize & Water

Step 5: Fertilize your tree with osmocote 15-9-12 and water in with Plant Starter (rooting hormone). Continue watering your tree throughout the season. See a SRG member to get recommendations of the amount of fertilizer and water to give the tree.

