

Care Instructions for Ball & Burlap Trees

- ❖ We recommend that your tree be inside your home no longer than 10 weeks.
- ❖ Leave the burlap on your tree at all times.
- ❖ Place your tree in a large tub such as a galvanized wash tub large enough to contain the root ball.
- ❖ While holding the tree upright, pour a bag of play sand around the root ball to help hold it upright and straight in the tub.
- ❖ Water the sand down to settle it into place—about a quart.
- ❖ Place your tree in the coolest part of your home. While the tree is inside, be sure to keep it MOIST (not wet). Some suggest a tray of ice cubes poured over the ball of the tree 2x a week or more if tree is not staying moist, others pour a quart of water over root ball once a week. It just depends on how dry the tree dirt feels.
- ❖ After Christmas, place the tree in a sheltered area for 2-3 days up to a week to avoid extreme temperature changes that will shock the tree.
- ❖ Planting:
 - Do not plant in a naturally wet area. These trees require a well-drained planting site.
 - Plant the tree in a hole roughly twice as large as the root ball.
 - Make sure the top of the root ball is level with or slightly above the surrounding soil. Trees buried too deep quickly die.
 - Cut the string around the trunk of the tree.
 - Leave the burlap and nails in place around the roots.
 - Water well when planting.
- ❖ Transplanted trees need at least one year of good care to survive. The tree needs a good soaking every two weeks in dry weather. Feed your tree with fertilizers such as Tree Spikes or Osmacote.