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SHRUB & TREE PLANTING MADE EASY

PLANTING MIXTURE: - One part top soil,
one part moist peat mixture or peat substitute,
three handfuls of bone meal per wheelbarrow of planting mixture.

ROOT-BALLED OR CONTAINER GROWN TREE OR SHRUB

DIG a hole approx 10cm (4") bigger than the pot or root-ball, which should sit 3cm (1") below the surface after planting.

WATER plant thoroughly before removing pot & do not break up soil ball. Gently cut away any circled or tangled roots, but never break up the soil ball.

BARE-ROOT TREE OR SHRUB

DIG a hole deep enough to allow the old soil mark on the stem to be just below soil level & wide enough for the roots to spread.

MIX soil from the hole with good quality shrub planting compost & fertiliser (growmore, bone meal, chicken manure pellets), as detailed above.

PLANT shrub or tree in centre of hole.

PLACE the stake on prevailing windward side of the tree, keeping it 10cm (4") away from the stem.

STAKE firmly using plastic/rubber ties. (Tighten ties after a few weeks when the tree has settled).

FILL in and gently tread down compost mixture. Make slight dip in the soil nearest the stem of the tree to stop water draining away from where it is most needed.

WATER daily during the first few months depending on the weather conditions.

N.B. roots may not move from peat substitute based compost into mineral soil.

THE FOLLOWING PLANTS REQUIRE ACID SOIL:-

Azalea - dwarf evergreen, trusses of funnel-shaped flowers in red, pink, apricot, white or yellow from March onwards.

Camellia - evergreen, large flowers in red, pink or white appear from March - April.

Enkianthus - Unusual attractive shrub, dull green toothed leaves turning orange-yellow to red in autumn pendent bell-shaped creamy yellow flowers appear from March - May.

Gentiana - semi-evergreen, hardy alpine, trumpet-shaped electric blue flowers from August to October.

Heather (*Calluna vulgaris*) - evergreen, compact shrub flowering from July - October.

Hydrangea - deciduous, plant in ericaceous compost to enhance blue flowers

Lewisia - evergreen alpine in rosette form of fleshy dark green leaves, flowers of pink, red, yellow or apricot from May - August.

Lithodora - evergreen, low spreading, brilliant electric-blue flowers from April onwards.

Pernettya - evrgn, cream-white flwrs April, red, pink or white berries late autumn through winter.

Pieris - evergreen, glossy green leaves, red when young, clusters of pendent white flowers from February - April.

Rhododendron - evergreen, different varieties produce heavy trusses of funnel-shaped flowers in a range of colour from February onwards, some as late as June.

Skimmia - evergreen, small red buds open to fragrant white flwrs in Spring followed by red fruits.

Vaccinium - blueberry, green leaves turning to beautiful deep red autumn colours. Large sweet blue/black berries in July.