



VERMONT HEIRLOOM APPLES

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## WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR TREE WHEN YOU GET IT HOME

- If it will be more than a day or two before you are ready to plant your tree, keep it in a cool spot away from the sun and cover the roots with a damp cloth.
- If it will be more than a few days before you can get around to planting the tree, plant it temporarily in a flower bed or garden. These trees will leaf out soon. They should be planted in a sunny location and will grow well in all **BUT** soggy soils.
- Dig a hole just large enough to accommodate the roots – a 5 gallon bucket is about the right sized hole. The soil that comes out of the hole is the soil that goes back in. Do not add fertilizers or compost at this time. After the tree leafs out, use the 10-10-10 fertilizer offered and spread lightly; water in if rain is not expected. Try not to fertilize after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to give the tree time to harden off for winter.
- After planting, water slowly. Try to keep the grass and weeds from growing within a circle about 18” from the trunk. Do not use straw or grass as mulch – use bark mulch or nothing. Check on your tree a couple of times per week and water as needed. Be on the lookout for leaf-eating caterpillars or dry soil.
- Your tree needs protection from mice and vole damage during the winter. You can make a “mouse guard” out of hardware cloth or buy a pre-made guard from us. Bury the mouse guard 2 to 3” below grade. Keep the base of your tree weed free to encourage growth.

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