

# Potted and Balled Burlap Coniferous Trees Planting Guide

## Planting Site

- Clear any debris (stumps, rocks, etc.) from planting site.
- Avoid planting in wet depressions.
- If you are unsure of buried utilities, call before you dig – Ontario One call 1-800-400-2255 or [www.on1call.com](http://www.on1call.com).

## Where NOT to plant:

- Under utility wires (plant at least 5 m/16 ft away).
- Within a road allowance.
- Over septic system.
- Under crown of a live tree.
- Close to buildings.
- Near field tiles or drain outlets.
- Follow municipal setbacks from drains.

## Planting

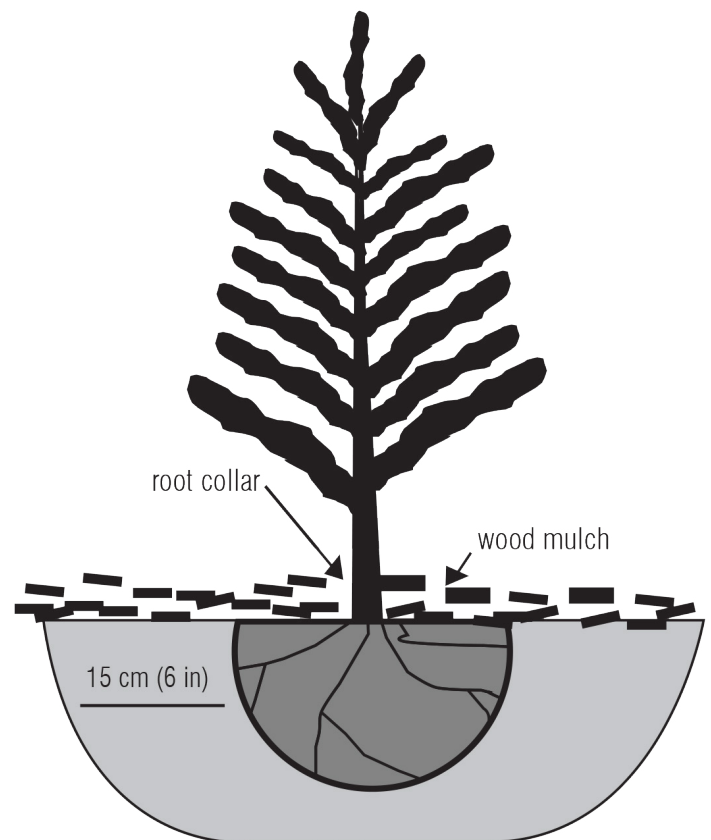
- Lift the tree by the pot or under the root ball, do not lift it by the trunk.
- Before planting, ensure soil within pot or burlap is moist.
- Dig planting hole 30 cm (12 in) wider in diameter than the root ball.
- Dig hole just deep enough that the soil in the pot or root ball is level with the ground and the tree sits on a firm base.
- Lower potted/balled and burlap tree into hole, checking for depth and fit.

## Potted trees:

- Remove tree from hole, slide off the pot (disturbing the root system as little as possible) and put tree back in hole.

## Balled and burlap trees:

- Place tree in hole with burlap intact, then carefully cut twine away from trunk, untie the burlap and fold back (burlap will decompose).
- Ensure tree is vertical.
- Firm tree in with a mixture of topsoil and compost to eliminate air pockets.



## Mulching & Weed Control

- Mulch with composted hardwood chips to a depth of 5-10 cm (2-4 in) to reduce weed competition, retain moisture and reduce fluctuations in soil temperature.
- Spread the mulch in a circle around the tree, keeping it away from the trunk to avoid stem rot.
- Do not use string grass/weed trimmers around any trees, regardless of size.

## Watering

- Ensure trees are thoroughly watered at planting.
- In times of drought, water thoroughly once a week.

For more information: