



# Pell Farm Nursery

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## Tree Care Instructions

### • Planting

- Holes should be dug slightly larger than the root ball.
- All trees grown at Pell Farm Nursery are hand dug.
- The burlap and string should be left on the root ball to help keep the root system together.
  - These materials are biodegradable and the roots will grow through the burlap.

### • Mulch

- Mulch around the top of the root ball
- Mulch should not touch the trunk – dig out a small ring around the trunk

### • Water

- Trees need to be watered for the first full year or until they have an established root system
- Soaker hose is the recommended method
  - A slow trickle of water is the best for saturating the root ball
    - Ideally, water will reach deeper than the root ball to promote deep root growth
  - Ensure all portions of the soaker hose are putting out the same amount of water
  - Water at least 3-4 hours at a time
  - Leave soaker hose on overnight if trees are over 5 feet tall
- Spring & Fall:
  - Water heavy once a week – do not worry about overwatering if watering once a week
- Summer or when hot and dry:
  - Water 2-3 times a week heavy

### • Fertilizer

- Do not fertilize the first year to avoid burning the roots
- After the first year, a 10-10-10 fertilizer can be applied

