

## A Tree Farm for All Seasons



Leesburg Flower & Garden Show



Potting Machine



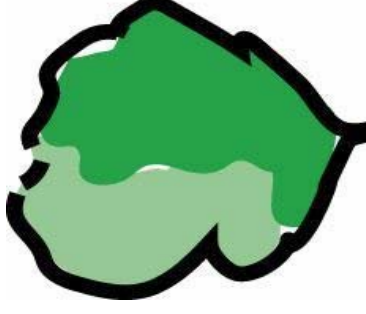
Conifer bed at Loudoun Nursery

Loudoun Nursery trees are grown using special air-root pruning fabric containers above ground. Unlike field grown trees dug by machine, these trees retain nearly 100% of their roots.

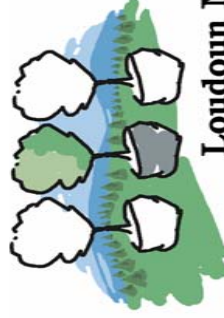
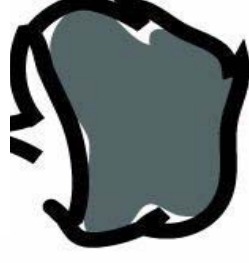
Compared to many trees found in garden centers they show the freshness of healthy growth. They establish very quickly and are easily moved from the nursery to the landscape with a high success rate.

Usually there is a growth spurt during the year after planting.

Be sure to remove the bag before planting and always plant higher than the surrounding soil.



## Planting instructions



### Loudoun Nursery, Inc.

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The most common cause of young tree failure is planting too deep.

Never place ANY soil over the root ball. The planting hole should be 6-12" wider than the root ball because roots grow best in loose soil. In all but exceptional circumstances where the soil is very poor, extensive research clearly shows that there is no need to incorporate any amendments into the backfill soil. Simply use the loosened soil that came out of the planting hole.

Plant 1-2" higher than surrounding soil

## Weed control, mulch, water



Weed suppression during establishment is essential. Apply a 2-inch thick layer of mulch to at least a three-foot diameter circle around the tree. Keep the mulch away from the trunk.



Placing mulch against the trunk and applying too thick a layer above the root ball can kill the plant by oxygen starvation, death of bark, stem and root diseases, prevention of hardening off for winter, vole and other rodent damage to the trunk, keeping soil too wet, or repelling water.



Regular irrigation after planting encourages rapid root growth that is essential for tree establishment.

Trees provided with regular irrigation through the first growing season after transplanting require about one year or more per inch of trunk diameter to fully establish roots in the landscape soil. Be prepared to irrigate through the entire establishment period, especially during periods of drought. Established plants do best with deep, infrequent irrigation; research shows that recently transplanted trees and shrubs establish quickest with light, frequent irrigation. With every irrigation, apply one to two gallons of water per inch trunk diameter over the root ball only.



Autumn Blaze Maple



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