

# HOW TO PLANT AND CARE FOR YOUR NEW LIVE OAK TREE

## PLANTING AND CARE:

Place the tree in the ground so the root flare (where the roots meet the trunk) is higher than the surface of your yard or planting bed. This will help prevent diseases caused by too much moisture.

Apply water to the root ball and the surrounding soil. Do not apply too little or too much. Moisture levels should be monitored on newly planted trees.

A hardwood mulch application will help to conserve soil moisture and create a favorable environment for root growth. Mulch should never come in contact with the trunk.

Pruning at the time of transplanting should be limited to removal of dead, diseased, dying and broken limbs. Begin corrective pruning only after one or two years.

Do not fertilize newly planted trees

AT LEAST 10 FEET (20 FEET IS PREFERRED) FROM THE NEAREST PAVED SURFACE, STRUCTURE OR CANOPY



**Planting In the City's Right-Of-Way:** In most cases, the City owns the first few feet of yard adjacent the edge of your street. Planting in this area requires an encroachment agreement with the City and places your tree at risk of removal should the City need to excavate within this area. The width of most Right-Of-Ways is less than 10' in most cases so you probably shouldn't plant in this area. Additionally, these areas may contain power lines. Live Oak trees should not be planted under any overhead wires.

Call MISS UTILITY of Virginia before you dig: Take advantage of this free service and Dial 811 to set up a time for MISS UTILITY to mark the utility lines on your property. Doing so will help prevent striking one of these utilities. Please note that they will not mark homeowner installed utility lines such as irrigation systems.