

How to plant a tree



Generally the planting season in the UK is from mid-November to late March. This is when the tree roots are dormant and can cope better with being moved.

Our step-by-step guide to pit-planting

- 1 Use a spade to take the turf out of the ground, turn it over and split it almost in half.
- 2 Dig a hole slightly wider and deeper than the roots of your tree. Loosen the soil around the edges.
- 3 Put the tree in the hole and check the depth. Look for the “collar” – the mark on the tree from where it originally started to grow above

ground. This should be level with the top of the soil. If a tree is planted too deep the stem may rot; too shallow and the roots above ground will die.

- 4 Hold the tree upright and gently push back the soil, pressing it down onto the roots. Don't compact the soil as this will stop water and air circulation, but make sure your tree is steady. Put the turf back over the hole with the split either side of the young tree, grass side down. Cover your tree with a guard if necessary, using a cane or stake provide extra support.

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