



Tree and Shrub Planting Guide

Before you begin, collect all your supplies and remember that successful planting starts with the hole. By taking a little extra time to do it right; and spending a few extra dollars on planting supplies, you'll help ensure the survival of your new plants. In addition to a shovel, you'll need:

- **MYKE® Tree and Shrub**
- **All Bark Cedar Mulch**
- **Gard'n-Wise Cotton Boll Compost**
- **ferti•lome Start-N-Grow**
- **ferti•lome Root Stimulator**
- **Tree Stakes (for larger trees)**

1. Dig the planting hole two to three times as wide as the plant's container; even wider if possible. Dig the hole no deeper than necessary. **IT IS BEST TO PLANT HIGH** (especially in clay soils) as illustrated on the back of this page. Place the soil you've removed around the outer edges of the hole.
2. Refer to the chart at right for the recommended amount of **MYKE**. Sprinkle a portion of the MYKE in the bottom of the hole. Do not mix it in with the soil. You want it to come into direct contact with the roots. MYKE contains mycorrhizae, a beneficial fungus that attaches itself to the roots for increased root development. The mycorrhizae in MYKE lasts for the lifetime of the plant, so you apply it only once.
3. Remove the plant from the container and place the rootball directly in the hole on top of the MYKE. Rub the remaining MYKE on the exposed parts of the rootball. For B&B trees and shrubs, cut excess burlap from the top of the rootball to prevent moisture from wicking away from the roots, but do not remove the burlap from the sides or bottom. Rub the MYKE directly onto the burlap.
4. Amend the soil from the hole with **Cotton Boll Compost** and **Start-N-Grow (18-6-12)** at the rate of 2/3 existing soil and 1/3 Cotton Boll Compost plus the recommended amount of Start-N-Grow. Cotton Boll Compost improves poor soil immediately by restoring vital organic matter and humus. It increases moisture-holding capacity of sandy soils and is unsurpassed at breaking up clay. It is acidified and adds beneficial microorganisms to the soil. Start-N-Grow is a premium slow-release fertilizer for use at planting time and as a maintenance fertilizer to help sustain professional looking plants and landscapes. Apply at planting time and every 3-4 months during the growing season. The nutrients and nitrogen release only when the plant needs them.
5. Fill the hole with the amended soil and tamp lightly around the rootball. Use excess soil to form a berm around the outer edge of the hole. Soak the berm with water and the recommended amount of **Root Stimulator (4-10-3 plus B-1)**. Root Stimulator reduces transplant shock and promotes greener, more vigorous plants. Repeated use of Root Stimulator during the first growing season is recommended.
6. To conserve moisture, protect roots and reduce weeds, place **All Bark Cedar Mulch** around the base of your plants. All Bark Cedar is a dark, shredded mulch that knits together nicely so it stays in place. Mulch should be 3-4" deep, but should be kept away from the tree trunk.
7. Use **Tree Stakes** for larger trees during the first year for protection from wind. Pay special attention to watering for the first season because newly planted trees and shrubs will require more water than existing plants. Take caution not to overwater your plants, a common cause of plant failure.

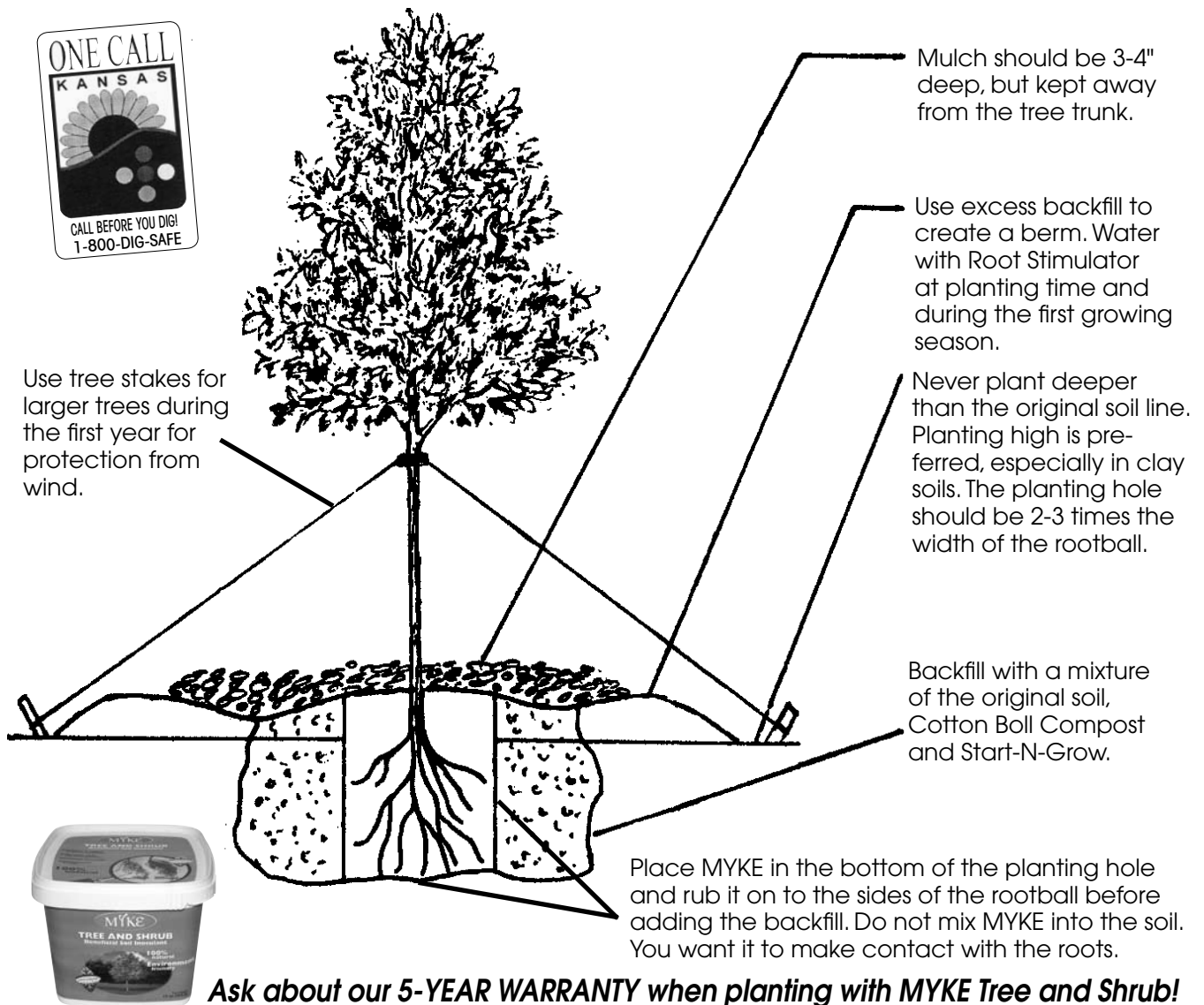
MYKE® TREE AND SHRUB CHART

CONTAINER (Volume / Diameter)	AMOUNT of MYKE
1 gallon / 6-7" diameter	1/2 cup
2 gallon / 8-10" diameter	1 cup
5 gallon / 12-15" diameter	2 cups
TREE CALIPER	
1" caliper	2 cups
1.25-1.5" caliper	4 cups
1.75-2" caliper	6 cups
2.25-2.5" caliper	7 cups
2.75-3" caliper	8 cups
3.25-4" caliper	10 cups



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Tree Planting Kit
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- 2 cu. ft. bag Cotton Boll Compost \$6.98
 - 1.4 qt. MYKE Tree and Shrub 12.98
 - 1 lb. ferti•lome Start-N-Grow 3.98
 - 3 cu. ft. bag All Bark Cedar Mulch 8.98
- ~~\$32.92~~

Kit includes MYKE Tree and Shrub for a 5-Year Warranty! (see store for details)

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