

PLANTING A TREE

Fancy adding an orchard or maybe a statement tree to your green space or school? We've put together a handy guide to help you.

BEFORE YOU COLLECT YOUR TREE:

Different trees grow to different sizes and help different wildlife, so think carefully about the size of your garden and what species you want to help **before** choosing your tree. Beware of roots! Try to plant a reasonable distance from pipes, buildings, and larger trees. Try to source your new tree from a local nursery to avoid spread of disease. They will also be able to help you pick the best tree for your green space.

English Oak 30 metres

Silver Birch
25 metres

Hawthorn
7.5 metres

Cherry tree
2.5 metres

Human
1.75 metres

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HOW TO PLANT A TREE

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- A friend or family member to help
- Shovel or spade
- Gloves
- A native tree to plant

ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS...

1. Keep the roots in water for over two hours
2. Dig a hole twice the width of the root ball and as deep as the root ball length
3. Add some compost to the hole and break up the base a little
4. Place the tree in the centre of the hole and gently spread the roots
5. Fill the hole back in, add more compost and compact the soil. Water it well.
6. Keep checking in on your newly planted tree though the summer. Newly planted trees are more sensitive to environmental changes like drought and frost.

DID YOU KNOW?

Bonsai trees are normal trees that have their roots cut regularly to keep them small? You can grow them to larger sizes too (and in much bigger pots). But it takes a bit of work and close observation to grow trees in pots as they are best planted in the ground. You can find out more about how plant trees in pots online and in horticultural books.

