

## CARING FOR YOUR SHANTUNG MAPLE

## How do I plant my tree?

- 1. Dig a hole at least 50% wider than the root ball and not guite as deep.
- 2. Shantungs will grow fine in our native soil, but a little extra organic matter can be helpful. We recommend adding some pine mulch, sand, or landscaper's mix.
- 3. Add a few inches of soil to the hole and set the root ball in the center. Fill in the remaining space with the mixed soil. The root line on the tree should be about 3 inches above grade.

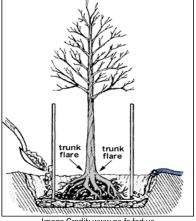


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4. Staking is optional for the first year, and shouldn't be necessary after that.

## What about fertilizer?

We recommend feeding in early spring with a balanced slowrelease fertilizer like Osmocote®, or Miracle-Gro® Tree & Shrub fertilizer spikes.

## What about water?

Water your tree deeply once every 5-7 days the first year. After that, you can water less often. Shantungs appreciate consistency. That could be once a week or once a month, as long as your watering schedule is regular through the growing season.

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