



# MUSKOKA HERITAGE FOUNDATION

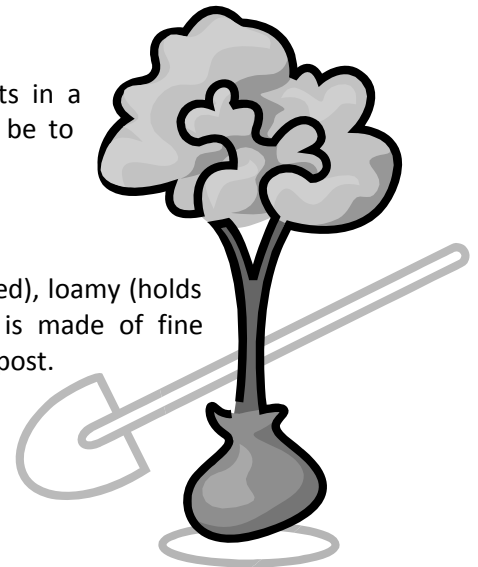
## PLANTING TIPS

### AT PICKUP:

1. Most plants are bareroot stock and must be kept cool and moist until you get home.

### AT HOME:

2. If you are not able to plant the seedlings right away, “heel” the plants in a shallow trench, cover with soil, and water well. An alternative would be to store in a bucket with cold water in the shade.
3. Choose a site with soil and light conditions appropriate for the species.
4. Check to see if soil is sandy (grainy and won’t hold together when squeezed), loamy (holds together well when squeezed) or clay (hard, comes out in clots and is made of fine particles). Most plantings benefit from the addition of topsoil and compost. Mix it in thoroughly with soil from the hole.
5. Dig a hole 30 cm (1 foot) wider and about 15 cm (6 inches) deeper than the spread out roots. In clay soil, make the hole slightly larger. Mix soil additives (topsoil and compost) thoroughly with soil from the hole.
6. Place the plant in the centre of the hole. Make sure the seedling is planted erect and at the proper depth so that the little swelling or root collar is at ground level. (This swelling is approximately halfway between the top of the root system and the bottom of the branches). In clay soil, the hole should be filled slightly before the plant is placed in.
7. Fill in the hole by packing the soil down firmly in order to eliminate air spaces. Saturate the soil with water to allow good root contact with the soil.



### AFTER PLANTING:

8. Water daily for the first two weeks and weekly for the next two. Keep watering all summer.
9. Protect from mechanical damage (people, pets and machines).
10. Remove grass and weeds from around the seedling for the first year (and the second if necessary).

**CONGRATULATIONS ON HELPING TO KEEP MUSKOKA NATURAL!**

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