



Thank you for purchasing gift trees from The Arbor Day Foundation. Your thoughtful and appreciated gift will go on to make a contribution for generations to come. The following instructions are printed on the back of each tree label.

### **Planting Instructions**

Select a sunny location as indicated on the label. Remove all weeds, grass, and duff from a 3' circle around the site. Dig a saucer-shaped hole 10" across, to allow the roots to spread as the tree grows. Turn the soil and break up any large clods. Remove the tree from the tube and the plastic bag from around the root plug. Place the plug just below the surface of the soil, completely covering the roots. Do not plant the tree too deep; an inch of soil on top of the root plug is plenty. Water the tree and cover the planting circle with 2-3 inches of mulch such as aged wood chips, pine needles, or tree bark. Do not let the mulch touch the tree. Water when dry every week or two during the first year.

### **Storing Your Tree**

If you are unable to plant your tree outdoors right away, store it for a moderate amount of time in your refrigerator (the crisper bin works well). Check periodically that the root plug is moist. If dry, remove the tree from the tube, lightly water the tree in the plastic bag (do not saturate), use a twist tie to re-close the bag, and return the tree to the tube.

### **Temporary Growing Indoors in the Tube**

If you intend to grow your tree on a desk or table indoors, open the top of the plastic bag periodically and give the tree a small amount of water to keep the soil moist, but not saturated. Reseal the top of the plastic bag. Plant outdoors as soon as conditions permit.

For further questions about tree planting and care, or to purchase Gift Trees, please contact The Arbor Day Foundation, 888-448-7337, or visit our website [arborday.org](http://arborday.org). Thank you for caring about trees.

*He that plants trees loves others beside himself. ~Thomas Fuller*