



Forestry Note:

How to Plant a Seedling by Hand

1. Insert planting bar or shovel at an angle, push forward and back to create a hole.



2. Identify root collar. (Typically there is a line which indicates the depth the seedling was planted in the nursery, this is the root collar.)



3. Plant seedling so that root collar is slightly below ground line. Make sure roots have adequate space and are not L or J - rooted. Roots should not be exposed.



4. Vertically insert planting bar or shovel. Pull bar back to firm soil at bottom of hole and push bar forward to compact soil at top.



5. Using your foot or hand, compact the soil around the roots leaving no air pockets.



6. Slightly pull seedling to ensure the soil is compacted around root system.



7. After seedling is planted, water in.



For more information or assistance with planning your planting project, consult your local forester.

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