

Conservation Tree & Shrub Program Care and Planting of Seedlings

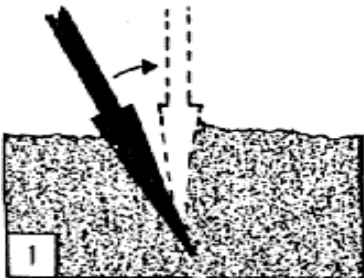
DO

Protect from sunlight, wind and heat before planting
Keep packing material and roots moist
Set plants straight in hole to avoid crooked trunks

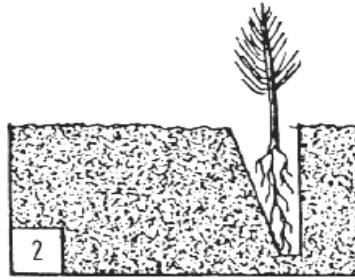
DON'T

Don't allow roots to dry out before planting
Don't store seedling below 40°F
Don't immerse roots in water before planting for longer than one hour

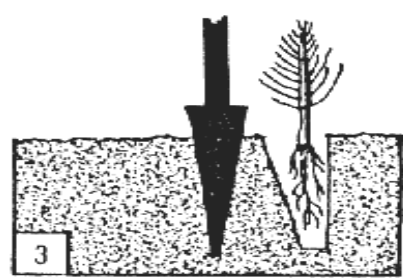
Planting with Bar or if a planting bar is unavailable, a shovel or planting hoe may be substituted.



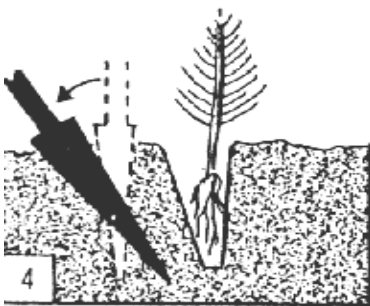
1 Insert bar at 45 degree angle. Push forward to upright position.



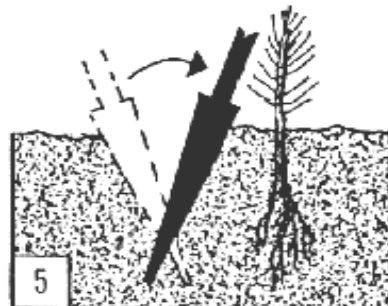
2 Remove bar and place seedling at correct depth.



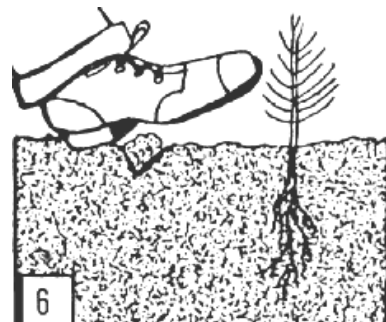
3 Hold seedling at correct depth, insert bar 3 inches from seedling.



4 Pull bar handle toward planter to close hole at bottom of roots.



5 Push bar handle forward to close hole at top of roots.



6 Stomp with heel to fill in the last hole.

Where to Plant

Consider how big your trees will grow. Avoid planting under or near overhead utility lines. If you're planting 6 to 12 inch trees, you may want to start them by planting them a foot apart in your garden. After they have grown for a year or two, you can transplant them to their permanent locations when they are dormant.

Planting Bare-Root Trees

It is best to plant bare-root trees immediately, in order to keep the fragile roots from drying out. If you can't plant because of weather or soil conditions, store the trees in a cool place and keep the roots moist.