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Planting Out Trees

Moving trees from a reticulated nursery environment to the home garden needs some extra care for a greater success rate.

- Dig a large hole (twice width and depth of pot if possible).
- Add a wetting agent to the hole.
- Fill with water 1 to 3 times to ensure water has soaked in.
- Mix soil from hole 50/50 with a quality Soil Improver.
(Can also add clay for sandy soils)
- Add enough improved soil back in to the hole to ensure the soil from the pot will be the same level as the ground.
- Remove tree from pot and place in the hole.
- Insert 3 tree stakes into the hole away from the root ball and loosely tie to support tree. (If in a windy location)
- Back fill hole with improved soil around the plant.
- Apply wetting agent and seaweed solution to the top of soil and thoroughly water in!
- Mulch with a chunky bark mulch, keeping mulch away from the base of the tree.
- Deep water 3 times per week for the first 2 summers to establish a good root system.

Note: Deep watering is where the water penetrates down more than 20cm from the surface. To check: dig down near the plant to a depth of 20cm after a normal watering to see if the water is soaking in. If it is not achieving the depth you require, try a longer and slower watering method along with a soil wetter.