

Almond Tree Planting Instructions

Nut trees require fertile soil for good growth, so before you plant, check your soil nutrients and pH. For almonds, your ideal soil pH should be 6.0-7.0. Best not to plant in soil that is extremely heavy or poorly drained.

Planting

- Space your almond trees 15' to 20' apart.
- Dig a hole wide and deep enough to accommodate the root system.
- Wet the roots thoroughly before planting.
- Many nut trees have just one main root, almost like a giant skinny carrot. With most nut trees, this taproot should not be trimmed or bent when planted.
- Spread the roots out in the hole to prevent matting. Do not bend or trim main taproot.
- Plant at the same depth as they were grown at the nursery. Bare root trees will have a noticeable color difference between the roots and the trunk--plant at the depth of this color difference
- Refill hole with enhanced soil. Tamp soil firmly about roots as you add each shovel of dirt.
- When hole is $\frac{3}{4}$ full, water then finish filling hole.

After Planting

- Prune your new bare root tree by cutting off at least one-third to one-half of the top (but not below the bud/graft union). This is essential. This forces your tree to grow a strong sprout that will become the main trunk. Severe pruning at planting time gets your new tree off to the best possible start.
- Mulch about June 1. Keep all weeds away from trees the first few years with mulch or regular cultivation.

