

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE! MUST READ!**

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### **PLANT POLICY**

Any stock received in unsatisfactory condition **must be noted at time of delivery or pick up and reported immediately.** Claims will be reviewed only if we are notified in writing or telephone within 10 days of any problems. If you observe plants suffering, we need to be notified immediately, not when it is too late.

As you can understand, because we have no control over how the trees and shrubs are treated once they have left our farm, River Meadow Farms will not take responsibility for losses of plants. Therefore, we will provide you with all the important information to help you properly care for your plants.

A few things to consider:

### **99% of any problem you will have is due to either too much or too little water.**

- Site Problems
  - be sure there is good drainage
  - good quality soil
- Planting Practices
  - **proper planting depth - See step 2 on planting guide**
  - ample sized planting holes
  - opening & removal of root control bags
  - proper tree staking
- Site Maintenance
  - adequate watering of trees in first 2 years until established  
This means that you need to correctly water them.
    - Spring
      - April to June
      - soak with a hose 1 time per week
    - Summer -
      - July to September
      - soak with a hose 2 times per week
  - fertilization program in place
- Planting Time
  - extra special care is needed if trees are needed during the summer months.  
Planting during periods of heat and rapid plant growth requires handling trees accordingly

If good planting practices and horticultural principles are adhered to, you should encounter no problems.

Please turn over for information to help ensure a successful planting.

All plants need about 2 years of proper care to root into their new environment.