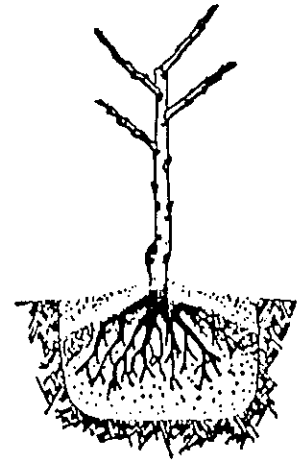




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PLANTING BAREROOT FRUIT TREES

With the exception of fig and some nut trees, all fruit trees should be pruned before planting. Bareroot trees have lost roots in the process of being dug for sale. The smaller network of roots left cannot support the amount of limb growth it had with the original root system.



TO PLANT

Select a site for planting that has excellent drainage and full sun.

Dig a hole 2 feet x 2 feet or wide enough to accommodate the root system.

Prepare a soil mix of 1/2 49er BLACK FOREST ORGANIC COMPOST or planting mix, 1/2 native soil and mix in four tablespoons of MASTERSTART or 2 cups ROCK PHOSPHATE.

Mound soil mixture in bottom of hole.

Position roots so the graft is 4 to 5 inches above the surrounding soil level. Point the graft north for sun protection.

Paint the tree to prevent sunburn. Use any light colored water base interior latex paint mixed 50-50 with water. Paint the trunk from 2 inches above the soil level to 2 to 3 feet above ground.

Cover with remaining soil mixture and firm around roots

Be sure you do not form a basin around the base of the trunk. It is better to have soil slope gently down from the trunk. This will keep water from sitting around the crown of the trunk which can cause rot and kill the tree.

Water thoroughly. Mulch around tree with woodchips or BLACK FOREST compost, keeping mulch several inches away from trunk to avoid crown rot.