

# What Are Bareroot Plants?

Bareroot trees and shrubs are a type of nursery stock that is delivered without soil or a pot around the roots. These plants are grown in nursery beds, lifted from the ground while dormant and shipped in bags.

Plants grown from western Washington seed sources are better adapted to the growing conditions in Jefferson County.

Keep plants cool and roots moist until planted. Moisten roots with water and store in a shaded location or refrigerator. Bareroot trees and shrubs should be planted before the buds open in spring.

## Steps for successful planting of bareroot trees and shrubs:

- Scalp a two foot circle in planting area, removing all sod and weeds.
- Dig a hole wide enough and deep enough for roots to spread out. Remember that roots grow down and laterally.
- Mound some soil in the center of the planting hole. Drape roots over the mound.
- Position the roots so they hang down over the mound and are not turned up or crowded.
- Plant trees and shrubs to the depth they were planted in the nursery. The junction of the stem and root should be level with the ground.
- Back fill the planting hole with loose soil and gently pack the surface after filling the hole.
- Build a berm around the planting hole to hold water.
- Water the plant thoroughly after backfilling the planting hole to eliminate any remaining air pockets.