



## **Palm Tree Planting Guide**

Want to establish an exotic look in your yard? Plant a palm tree. Follow these steps to learn how to choose and plant palms for a backyard oasis.

- Keep the root ball moist and backfill the planting hole with a blend of one part native soil, one part sand, and one part fresh topsoil/compost.
- Use a soaker hose to keep your new palm tree well-watered.
- A month after planting, begin feeding palm trees with plant food. We use a house blend which can be purchased here.

### **Planting Your Palm Tree**

Once you've purchased your palm tree, be sure to keep the root ball, the tree's central mass of roots, moist but not saturated. Dig a hole that's one and a half as wide as your root ball, and deep enough that the top of the root ball sits one inch above the soil. Place the root ball in the hole and backfill with a soil blend and native soil. You can find our house blend here. This contains plant food specifically formulated for palms.

### **Watering Your New Palm Trees**

For 2 to 3 weeks after you've planted your palm, keep it well watered. Wrapping a soaker hose around the root area will keep it moist while saving water. After the plant becomes established, you can reduce the amount of water based on season and temperature.

### **Feeding Your Palm Tree**

Palms have nutritional needs that other trees may not. They depend on ample supplies of magnesium, iron and manganese to keep fronds from yellowing or curling. To keep your palm green and strong, apply a palm fertilizer early in the season, and then about every 3-6 months thereafter depending on manufacturer instructions. Work it into the top 1 to 3 inches of soil around the roots, then water thoroughly.