



Some basic guidelines on planting trees:

Step 1: Dig a suitably large hole that will accommodate the tree bag. The larger the hole, the quicker the tree will root itself, this because by digging the hole you are loosening the soil, making the soil more penetrable for the tree roots. Ideally 1mx1mx1m.

Step 2: If available, mix a handful of superphosphate, a handful of a general fertilizer such as 2:3:2 together with about 2 buckets of compost or well decomposed manure. Mix this very well with the soil that was removed. Note that if the roots come in direct contact with the fertilizer, it will burn the roots. Thus it is very important to mix it in with the soil. The fertilizer should be available at a fertilizer depot, Afgri or TWK.

Step 3: Place the tree in the hole - removing all plastic bag material and if necessary loosening the roots of the tree at the base. Replace the soil and fertilizer to fill the hole and form a very slight basin to hold water when watering.

Step 4: Stake the trees if necessary to ensure it grows straight.

Step 5: Water well. For the first few weeks after planting, water several times a week if possible, especially if the weather is hot, dry and windy as is often the case in August.

Step 6: Consider placing a mulch over the hole, such as straw or old leaves. This will prevent the soil drying out too quickly.

Step 7: Consider a frost net covering for the 1st winter to protect the trees against a severe frost when they are still young.