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Care and Planting Instructions

Tulip Poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)

A very large and magnificent tree at maturity, Tulip Poplar is one of our tallest and most beautiful eastern hardwoods. They have long, straight trunks with a narrow crown that spreads with age. The large showy flowers resemble tulips and depend on honeybees for cross-pollination. They are striking in large stands, the leaves turning bright yellow in the fall.

Requirements:

Full sun
Prefers slightly acid conditions
Moist, well drained soils
Prune in winter
Zones 4 to 9

Planting Instructions:

Plant in spring after danger of frost has passed. Dig hole slightly larger than root cone. Squeeze tube gently and turn over. If necessary, tap bottom of tube to release entire root cone with soil. Do not disturb roots. Trees grown in “cone-tainers” do not need to have their root systems pulled apart as do traditionally grown trees. The cone shaped tubes help keep the roots from encircling themselves and provide for a more natural, downward growth pattern. Plant tree to same depth as it was in container and fill whole with loose soil. Placing some time released fertilizer into the hole will help the tree to establish itself. Lightly pack the top of the filled hole and water thoroughly. Keep well watered through the first summer. Mulch roots in the fall and feed again in spring just as the buds break through. Sit back and wait, your shade is coming.