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Care and Planting Instructions

White Oak (*Quercus alba*)

This tree is one of the most handsome oaks. Pyramidal when young; upright, broad and rounded with wide spreading branches at maturity. The fruit, an acorn, ripens in its first year. One of the most important hardwood species the White Oak is a majestic tree, excellent for large areas.

Requirements:

Plant in full sun
Prefers slightly acid conditions
Moist, well drained soils
Prune in winter or early spring
Zones 3 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.