

# Ornamental Trees



## Do's

- Plant trees to give privacy from neighbouring properties
- Stake trees for the first 3 years to keep them growing straight whilst they develop a strong root system
- Dig a hole 3 times the width of the pot and to the depth of the pot when planting to encourage healthy roots
- Think about trees first and then plan your planting around them
- Mix in organic matter and Microrizal fungus to speed up root development in their new home

## Don'ts

- Leave them un-supported when young as this can cause poor root development and cause them to grow at an angle
- Forget to allow for the size they will reach, give space around them
- Forget to mulch around the base
- Forget to water newly planted trees in the early days especially bare root ones
- Just leave them be, light pruning of the shoots in the Spring will encourage a balanced stem structure, also look out for any dead or crossing branches and remove them

*"He who plants a tree plants a hope"*

# Where to start



## CHOOSE YOUR TREE

All the varieties we grow are great for the north, so firstly think how big you want your tree to get. Then look at different leaf types, flowering times or ones that produce berries.

## PREPARE THE HOLE

Find the position of the hole by taking into account the spread of the tree. The hole needs to be 3x the width of the pot so the roots can easily spread, then dig down as deep as the pot putting the soil onto a sheet

## PLANT YOUR TREE

Dig over the bottom of the hole and mix in organic matter and Microrizal fungi to help encourage root development, now place your tree in and ensure its straight and then back fill firming in well with your heel.

## STAKE AND TIE

This is key to keeping the tree straight. Don't stake parallel to the stem as this will damage the roots, point the stake into the direction of the prevailing wind and cross the stem 1/3 of the way up



## BETULA

A superb choice for year round interest with green leaves during the Summer and pure white stems in the Winter. Available in single and multi stem forms. Also effective when repeat planted

## LIQUIDAMBAR

Commonly known as Sweet Gum they have beautiful green leaves the shape of an Acer followed by stunning autumn colour. Happy in exposed sites and in wetter soils. Good as a substitute for Acers

## AMALANCHIER

The Snowy Mespilus bear masses of white blossom in the Spring. Available in single and multi-stem forms, Bearing black fruits and great Autumn colour. Good for birds and attractive in all seasons

## PRUNUS

Ornamental Cherries come in all shapes and sizes. Beautiful blossom in the Spring in a range of different colours. Great as centre pieces or as small standards in pots or by pathways



*Tree Stakes & Ties Available*