

At Altum's, we'll do whatever it takes to make things *simple*. You pick out the plants, we'll deliver them to your door. Or for the ultimate in convenience, we'll install everything...

*clean up included!*

And, when we do the planting, you get a no-worries *two-year warranty* on every tree, shrub and perennial. Ask us about our expert landscape design services, too. We'll take time to understand your garden goals and offer ideas and plans for you to follow at your own pace or for us to make a reality.

## All the best from Altum's

*Fresh, hand-selected evergreens, shrubs, perennials and annuals from trusted local growers*

You'll get the cream of the crop every time you shop, no exceptions.

*No-worries two-year warranty*

A full two-year warranty on every tree and shrub we plant for you. We'll also extend a one-year warranty on every tree and shrub you plant\*

*\* applies to all trees and shrubs planted below ground level (potted plants excluded). Clearance items will be warranted at the purchase price.*

*Expert landscape design & services*

Includes personalized design for your space, bed creation, plant placement, privacy plantings, perennial gardens, landscape updates, planted patio areas, the creation of enticing entryways, walkways, and outdoor living spaces.

*Delivery and planting service*

Serving central Indiana and surrounding zip codes.

*Free, friendly, expert advice*

Take advantage of our tip and care sheets in store or online, Snapshot Gardening Service (*bring in your digital, memory card, or photos and we'll help make your dreams a reality*) or subscribe to Covering {new} Ground, our newsletter for gardeners. And you can always simply call 317.733.GROW or stop in.

*Let's garden together*

Please let us know how we can help you create the outdoor living space you've always dreamed of.

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## Your Guide to **LANDSCAPE CARE**

**Altum's**<sup>SM</sup>  
always groundbreaking

# planting

## WHEN

The ideal time to plant is spring and fall when temperatures are mild and soil is generally moist and hospitable. However, with a little extra care, you can plant anytime the ground is not frozen.

## DIG



Dig a hole that is approximately 6 inches wider than the root ball and shallow enough to leave the top third of the root ball exposed. Keeping the top portion just above soil level helps prevent potential drainage problems.

## MIX

Add **Super Phosphate 0-18-0\*** to the bottom of the hole to stimulate root growth. Then mix equal parts of **Soil Amendment** and backfill soil. For acid-loving plants (*e.g. rhododendrons, azaleas, and evergreens*), add **Iron Plus\*** to the backfill.

## PLANT

Remove your plants from their plastic containers and gently loosen roots with your hand or cut entangled roots down vertically. We invite you to bring them to our **Drop-Your-Pots Recycling Zone**, an easy way to be green! For balled and burlapped material, cut cords or ropes after placing root ball in the hole. Leave the burlap material and wire cage around the ball for ultimate protection. Fill hole with enriched soil (*see above*) and use your foot or hoe to gently tamp down the soil, eliminating air pockets. Cover the exposed root ball with a thin layer of backfill.

## WATER

See 'Watering'

## MULCH

Add approximately 3 inches of mulch (*covering the exposed root ball*), being careful not to pack mulch tightly around the trunk.

*\*follow package directions*

# watering

## NEW PLANTS



Water slowly and generously, being sure to wet the soil to the depth of the original container or root ball. All newly planted items should be thoroughly soaked at least once a week from spring until the ground freezes in fall (*more frequently in very hot weather*). We recommend watering by hose turned to a slow drizzle for 5-10 minutes for small container shrubs and 20 minutes for larger shrubs and trees. Very small plants, such as groundcover, perennials, and flowering annuals have smaller root systems and will require a deep, thorough watering every 3-4 days. We also recommend an application of **Root Stimulator\*** just after planting and weekly for six weeks, especially during warm summer months.

## ESTABLISHED PLANTS

Generally, the watering guide for new plants should be followed for 1-2 years after planting to ensure good root development and plant establishment. Beyond that, water plants throughout drier summer months to avoid placing them under unnecessary stress.

# fertilizing

## WHEN

### *Acid-loving Plants*

For all evergreens **apply Iron Plus\* once in spring and once in fall.**

### *Deciduous Trees and Shrubs*

**12-12-12\*** in **April** and after leaf drop in **fall.**

### *Groundcover*

**12-12-12\*** in **April.**

### *Perennials*

**12-12-12\*** in **mid-March** and again **6 weeks later.**

### *Annuals*

Use a slow release fertilizer when planting. For best results, use a water soluble fertilizer every **10 to 14 days** to promote growth and blooms.

# pruning

*Pruning can be intimidating*, but armed with information—and well-maintained tools—you can easily rejuvenate and maintain the natural shape and size of your plants. If you don't know what type of plant you're working with, simply snip off a small piece and we'd be happy to identify the variety and best pruning plan.

## WHEN

### *Spruces and Pines*

**June or July** by cutting the "candle" {new} growth in half.

### *Broadleaf or Needle Evergreens*

Shape in **April through July** and **mid-September through October** as needed.

### *Deciduous Trees*

**The best time to prune is late winter.** Birches and maples should always be pruned after leaf drop to avoid excessive sap flow.

### *Deciduous Shrubs*

The key here is bloom time. For shrubs that bloom **before May, prune after flowering.** For shrubs that bloom **after May, prune in March before the shrub begins to leaf out.**

### *All Plants*

Trim out dead, diseased, or broken branches anytime.

## RULE OF the Green THUMB

*Prune* ¼-inch above a bud facing the outside of the plant to force new growth in that direction.

