



# How to plant a seedling

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Make sure the roots of the tree seedlings are still moist in the bucket.



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Place the dibble bar (spade) on the ground and apply pressure with your foot (as seen at right) and dig the hole. Parents may need to do this for small children.



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Work the dibble bar back and forth to create a wide hole.

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Insert the tree seedling in the hole with the roots facing straight down.



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Use the dibble bar or the heel of your foot to close the soil around the seedling.



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Place the tree mat over the seedling with the shiny side up.

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Use four landscape staples to hold the mat to the ground.



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Draw the mat tightly on each end to remove any slack.

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Once the staples are in place use your foot to push the staples further into the ground.



**10** Congratulations – you have successfully planted a tree!