

ABIDE A WHILE

GARDEN BOUTIQUE



Planting Guide for Poor Draining Soil (Clay Soil)

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Organic Mushroom Compost
- Bio-Tone Root Starter

SUCCESSFUL PLANTING FOR OUTDOOR SHRUBS AND TREES:

1. *Dig hole* 2x as wide and half the depth of the rootball.
2. *Place Bio-Tone Root Starter* in the bottom of the hole.
3. *Remove plant* from its pot and loosen its roots.
4. *Place plant* in the hole directly on top of the Bio-Tone so the top of the rootball is 1/3 above ground level.
5. *Fill* around the rootball with your soil and organic compost firmly patting the soil around the rootball. Additional soil will be needed to cover the sides of the exposed rootball.
6. *Water* thoroughly. Make a temporary ring of soil outside of the root-ball to create a “donut” to hold water. Fill “donut” 3x allowing water to soak in. New plantings need regular deep watering. See watering guide for specific recommendations.
7. *Mulch* with a 3” layer of bark mulch or pine straw. Keep a few inches away from the trunk and spread 2-3 feet beneath the plant to hold in moisture and reduce weeds.
8. *Keep* your plant well fed by using Espoma Plant-Tone or Holly-Tone as directed.

