

THE BEST PRACTICE TO PLANT/RAISE A TREE

1. Dig a pit: 2'x2'x2' approximately five days before you plant a tree.
2. Refill the pits: refill and cover the pit with 10 KG of green or organic manure. Drench the pit with 2L of a natural or neem-based product for pest management in the soil. Neem can be used by collecting mature seeds, wash and remove the husk, and allow drying completely. Take 500 grams of dry seed grind them into fine powder. Stir powder in 10L of water and soak overnight. Stir the mix and apply 2L/ pit.
3. Plant the tree: tree should be planted without disturbing the roots up to its collar region.
4. Water the tree: lightly water the tree immediately after planting
5. Support the tree: the newly planted tree should be well supported by a wooden stick or other material to ensure it stays upright during initial growth.
6. Train and prune of tree: as the tree grows the branches below 3' height should be trimmed to ensure the natural shape.
7. Protect against disease and pests with neem based compound whenever they appear.
8. Protection against the grazing by animals: appropriate tree guards should be installed to prevent any damage or grazing by animals. A metal tree guard will cost approximately Rs. 150-200 per piece.
9. Weed and hoe: this should be done timely to ensure that no weeds grow by the tree and the soil near the tree remains aerated.
10. Annual fertilization for initial two years: 5 kg of green or organic manure is recommended annually for a normal tree for the initial two years of growth period.