**HOW TO PLANT A**

 **CONTAINERIZED TREE**

**The goal of tree planting is to have a vigorous, healthy tree that lives to the limits of its natural longevity. Achieving this goal begins with careful tree selection. Next, the tree must be handled carefully until it is safely installed in its new home.**

1. **Carry trees carefully. When transporting, load and unload gently, being careful not to break branches. Always provide support beneath balled and potted plants.**
2. **Keep roots moist! Depending on the trees and how long you must store them before planting, techniques to prevent drying vary. They include re-dampening the packing material around small bareroot seedlings and storing in a refrigerator between 30-40 degrees F.**
3. **Bare root trees of all sizes may also be stored by placing the roots and their packing material under loose soil in a shallow trench. The garden often is a handy place to do this while actually planting, continue to protect the roots from packed sun by wrapping in wet burlap or carrying in a bucket of water, possibly with mud, moss or sawdust added.**
4. **Balled and burlaped or potted trees should be checked for dryness by finger length probing in to the soil sprinkle or place if necessary. Then store them in a cool garage or area out of the wind.**