



600mm diam. bare earth

1. Clear off any surface vegetation to leave bare earth over a minimum 300mm diameter over the planting position.
2. On sloping ground shape pit sides and surface to create benched planting area with slight gradient into slope to encourage moisture retention (as broken line in diagram above).
3. Supply planting compost (as and where specified) and place over 300mm of bare earth area at rate of 10 litres per planting position.
4. Thoroughly cultivate 300mm diameter circle by hand forking or mechanical means to depth of 300mm and ensure compost is well mixed in during this process. Then excavate and thoroughly break up pit to further depth of 100mm. Mechanical augers must NOT be used on clay soils to preclude glazing and must receive prior approval elsewhere.
5. Remove any large stones or other debris in excess of 75mm ring brought to the surface during this operation and cart off site to a licensed tip.
6. Place plant in a vertical position at the same depth it was growing in the nursery and in the centre of the pit making sure roots are not cramped and gradually replace backfill mixture, working it carefully between the roots so that no air pockets remain.
7. Ensure the surface is well firmed, with no compost evident on the surface, and spread any surplus soil immediately outside the planting area, leaving the planting position slightly dished in dry ground.

Note : Plant roots must be kept moist at all times. Remove container and tease out circling roots of any pot grown plants whilst keeping the main rootball intact.