



### Shopping List

Container grown shrub  
Spade  
Hose  
Mulch  
3' length of dowel

Planting a container-grown shrub is easy. Start by digging a hole at least twice the width of the shrub container. Make the hole as deep as the container is tall.

Use a garden fork to scarify the sides and bottom of the hole. This allows the roots to penetrate the surrounding soil.

Next, remove the shrub from its container and gently massage or tease out the roots so they are no longer tightly wound.

Place the shrub in the hole. Lay a dowel across the hole to ensure the proper planting depth. Be sure that the crown of the shrub is at the same level as the surrounding soil.

Backfill the hole, and gently tamp down the soil. Create a moat around the crown of the shrub to catch water. Fill the moat with water and let it drain. Repeat and you're ready to mulch.



Spread 2" of mulch around the shrub. Avoid applying mulch around the crown of the shrub. Prune any broken branches if necessary.

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