

# Successful Planting Starts with Planning

(Use the space below to diagram plant placement.)

Allow for the mature width & height of plants. Shrubs, small trees, & vines are OK to plant near power lines. Tall trees & evergreens should not be planted near power lines.

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**Prepare the site.** In late summer the year before planting, control weeds with tillage & a cover crop or herbicides. Prepare 4-foot diameter circles or 4-foot wide rows. Plan to plant shrubs generally 6 – 10 feet apart, conifers 10 – 16 feet, broadleaved trees 10 – 20 feet.

**Plant well.** Plant as soon as possible after trees arrive. Keep roots cool, moist, & covered until planted. Trim overly long roots. Dig a hole big enough to spread the roots out & down. Set tree depth so top of root system is just covered. Tamp soil firmly. Water-in well.

**Maintain.** Water deeply once per week the first year. Install a tree mat for increased survival & growth rate. Control weed competition. Install a net tube, spray with repellent, or place bud cap netting to protect from animal damage.

Species Ordered	Number of Plants


