

PROJECT PLANT IT!®

Plant It! Then watch it grow.

Dear Parent or Guardian:

As part of the 2011 STIHL Tour des Trees and Project Plant It!, you are invited to plant this seedling with your child, as well as family and friends. It is a wonderful way for your child to apply all that he or she has learned about trees and the environment through **Project Plant It!**

Blue Spruce

(*Picea pungens*)

The blue spruce is one of the most popular evergreens and is good for planting in a front or back yard. Although slow growing, the blue spruce can grow very large, about 50 to 75 feet high with a 25-foot spread. As it grows, this blue spruce will have magnificent silver blue-green foliage.

IMPORTANT SAFETY TIP

Do not plant trees underneath or within 25 feet of an overhead power line. Do not plant trees on top of underground power, cable, phone or gas lines. To ensure your safety, call 811 before you dig.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**



How to plant your tree seedling outdoors

- Select a sunny location with moist, well-drained soil.
- Remove all weeds, grass and other debris from a 1-foot circle around the site.
- Dig a saucer-shaped hole 6 inches across. This lets the roots spread as the tree grows.
- Turn the soil in your hole approximately 6 inches deep and break up any big chunks.
- Remove your seedling from the tube and take the plastic wrapper off the root plug.
- Place the root plug just below the surface of the soil, so that the roots are completely covered.
- Make sure you do not plant the seedling too deep. About an inch of soil on top is plenty.
- Water the seedling and, if possible, cover your planting site with 2–3 inches of mulch.
- Do not let the mulch touch the tree. This helps keep disease away from the tree.
- Water your seedling when it gets dry every week or two during the first year.

How to grow your tree seedling indoors in a container


- Choose a 1-gallon container with drainage and enough room for the roots to grow.
- Add soil.
- Remove your seedling from the tube and take the plastic wrapper off the root plug.
- Place the root plug just below the surface of the soil so that the roots are completely covered.
- Make sure you do not plant the seedling too deep. About an inch of soil on top is plenty.
- Keep your seedling watered about every week as it gets dry.
- The blue spruce is an outdoor tree. Plant outside in the ground as soon as possible.

How to store your tree seedling

If you cannot plant your seedling right away, do not worry. You can actually store it for a short time in your refrigerator. Put your tree tube in the vegetable bin to keep it cool and safe.

Please see www.ProjectPlantIt.com for additional tree care tips.

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 Printed on recycled paper.