

Buying a Tree

So you want to plant a tree



They are a great way to mark an event

- Birth
- Marriage
- A passing

My Dad's Tree



Another view.... Any guesses on age of tree ?



Where can you purchase a tree ?

Big Retail Stores

- Home Depot
- Lowes
- Walmart

Home Depot



Selection of common trees, shrubs, etc..

- Trees usually arrive in spring .. Better selection... healthier
- In the fall much smaller selection.. Trees maybe damaged or struggling

Container Grown Trees

- A tree that was grown in a plastic pot

Grown in a plastic container.. Much like a houseplant... this is only type of tree you will find at large retailers



Container Grown Trees have advantages

- You can buy them from spring through fall... though fall trees can be struggling... I think of them as stale bread.

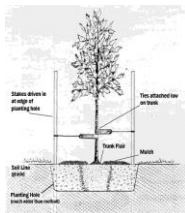
Advantages of container grown trees

- The containers aren't that heavy... 10 to 30 pounds

Disadvantages of container grown trees

- They need to be watered often.
- Lighter root ball... need to be staked

Staking a Tree



What if you want to plant a big tree ?

- Something 10 feet tall or more
- More unusual variety ... My Dad's European Beech

Balled and Burlapped Tree

- <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=654988170551088>

When you might want to buy a Balled or Burlapped or b and b tree

- Want a larger sized tree
- Want something with a heavy root ball(can weigh 200 pounds plus)
- Have a backhoe handy

Demonstration... compare weight of container grown tree vs balled and burlapped tree or B and B.

Want to grow a fruit tree ***

- Can be bought in containers
- Or... you can buy a tree online and it will be mailed to you... called a bare-root tree

*** Fruit Trees Require Time and Expense

- Time needed to protect them from diseases, insects, squirrels, birds.
- Planted in secure areas .. Backyard.. Fenced... etc..
- They take 2 to 3 years after planting to get full crop of fruit...hmm?
- You don't have to bend over as much...

Digging a bare-root tree

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0RMw2666B3k>

Advantages

- Light Weight... just a few pounds
- Large Selection(as compared to big retailers) especially for fruit trees
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- Lower Cost ... Retailer.. Fruit tree .. \$50.... Bare-root \$35.

Challenges of Bare-Root Trees

- Only available in late March through early May
- Must be planted quickly after you receive them... or will need special care
- Need to be staked

Suppliers of Bare-Root trees

- Burpee Gardens
- Stark Brothers
- Adams County Nursery
- Arbor Day Foundation

A tree for free

- (need a few pictures for this)
- Look along your fence... there are probably trees coming up there.
- Mark it now... dig it up and move in March

Buy a tree seedling



Challenges

- Need protection(fence, etc..)
- May take 5 to 10 years to grow 6 feet tall

Seedlings for Sale

- <https://musserforests.com/>
