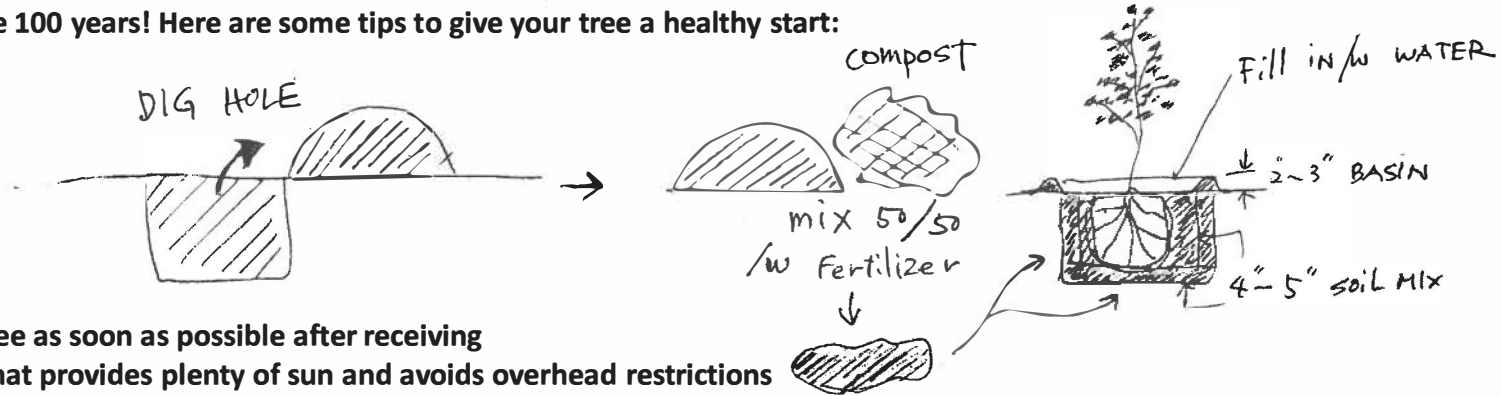


CONGRATULATIONS on becoming a caretaker of the California Coast Live Oak – the tree that inspired the name of our city! With proper care, your Oak Tree can live 100 years! Here are some tips to give your tree a healthy start:



- Plant your tree as soon as possible after receiving
- Pick a spot that provides plenty of sun and avoids overhead restrictions
- Carefully remove tree from the container keeping the soil around the roots intact -- it helps to tap the outside of the container to loosen the edge
- Dig hole about 4-5 inches wider than the container
- Mix dirt from the hole with compost (50/50 amount), also mix-in a handful of fertilizer (compost & fertilizer are available at Del Rey Oaks Gardens)
- Place mix at bottom of hole about 4-5 inches deep
- Set the tree in the middle of the hole and level with the ground
- Secure the tree in a straight position, then fill and firmly pack the hole with the remaining soil mix, making sure there aren't any air pockets
- Create a water-holding basin around the hole about 2-3 inches high and give the tree a good watering
- Water is important during the first year. Water every 7-10 days keeping the soil moist but not soggy -- avoid standing water