

planting tips for your **LEYLAND CYPRESS**

When to plant |

Plant your Leyland Cypress while the trees are still dormant--any time winter through March is fine as long as the ground isn't frozen. If you'd like to wait after the holidays, move outside and continue watering. To re-acclimate your tree, if possible move it to a garage or covered porch until the temperatures are less extreme.

Where to plant |

Choose a location with well-drained soil that will have full sun to partial shade and at least four feet of room all around it. A Leyland Cypress can grow to be 40 ft. tall so make sure it's clear of power lines etc. (visit okie811.org for utility line info).

How to plant |

Dig a hole as deep as the root ball and at least twice as wide. Use your fingers to gently loosen and separate the roots prior to placing the tree in the hole. Fill in with dirt and water the tree while very gently tamping down the dirt. The top of the roots should be at ground level. Top with up to three inches of mulch, avoiding piling mulch against the trunk of the tree. Use stakes to support the tree for the first 1-2 years.

Continuing care |

Water deeply whenever the top three inches of soil feel dry until the tree is well established. It will take a lot of watering the first year! Apply a systemic fungicide annually.



These tips are not meant to be all-encompassing instructions. Look for more information at arborday.org, and please defer to arborists for detailed instructions or special concerns.

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