

## Conservation Tree & Shrub Program Care and Planting of Seedlings

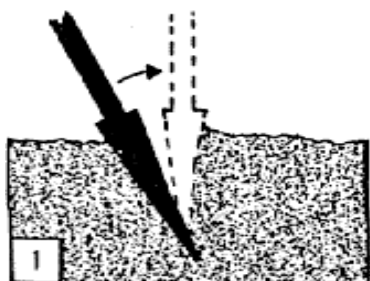
### DO

Protect from sunlight, wind and heat before planting  
Keep packing material and roots moist  
Set plants straight in hole to avoid crooked trunks

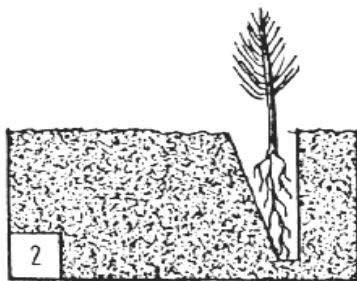
### DON'T

Don't allow roots to dry out before planting  
Don't store seedling below 40°F  
Don't immerse roots in water before planting for longer than one hour

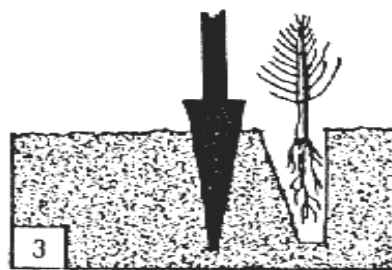
**Planting with Bar or if a planting bar is unavailable, a shovel or planting hoe may be substituted.**



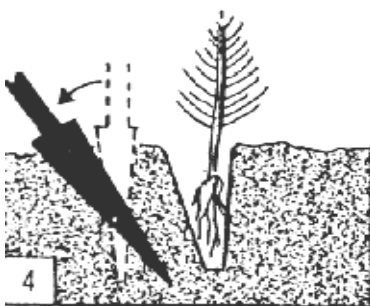
1 Insert bar at 45 degree angle. Push forward to upright position.



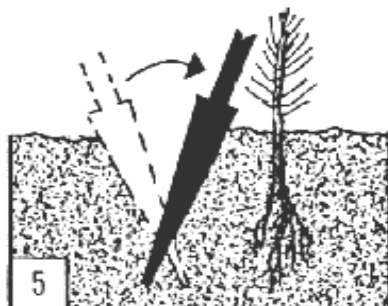
2 Remove bar and place seedling at correct depth.



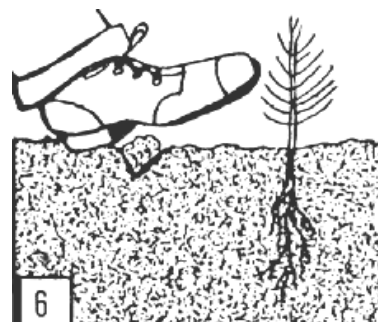
3 Hold seedling at correct depth, insert bar 3 inches from seedling.



4 Pull bar handle toward planter to close hole at bottom of roots.



5 Push bar handle forward to close hole at top of roots.



6 Stomp with heel to fill in the last hole.

### Where to Plant

Consider how big your trees will grow. Avoid planting under or near overhead utility lines. If you're planting 6 to 12 inch trees, you may want to start them by planting them a foot apart in your garden. After they have grown for a year or two, you can transplant them to their permanent locations when they are dormant.

### Planting Bare-Root Trees

It is best to plant bare-root trees immediately, in order to keep the fragile roots from drying out. If you can't plant because of weather or soil conditions, store the trees in a cool place and keep the roots moist.