



SHD Olive Planting Checklist



- Your feasibility work is completed and your site is suitable for olives.
- Ground Prep**
Soil should drain well and be thoroughly disced and free of all old tree roots, weeds and clods. Large clods can cause air pockets next to tree roots and negatively impact transplanting.
- Utilities**
Power source to orchard site should be installed and ready to run irrigation system.
- Trellis**
Trellis system should be installed including wire and bamboo. Arrange for tree protectors if being used.
- Irrigation System**
Irrigation system should be completely installed with drip emitters lined up precisely where trees will be planted. Secure all drip hoses to prevent moving. Test complete irrigation system to troubleshoot. Important: Just prior to planting—pre-irrigate to ensure that moisture is present at time of planting.
- Tree Receiving Area**
Prepare a secure area to unload olive trees off truck. When truck arrives, have a small crew available to help unload trees. Important: Have water available to immediately water trees once unloaded. If trees are not planted the same day as delivery, plan to water all trees thoroughly as often as needed to maintain moisture in pots. The trees are in small 3” pots and the soil media can dry out quickly.
- Verify Tree Count**
After your field has been surveyed and marked for planting, and just prior to delivery, notify your Sierra Gold Representative of the exact number of trees needed for your planting. Many times, once the field is marked and roads and headlands are taken into consideration, tree counts will change from the original order numbers. This verification of tree counts just prior to delivery helps us to avoid delivering too many trees to your site that will need to be returned.
- Scheduling Your Olive Tree Delivery**
Several weeks prior to your tree delivery, meet with your Sierra Gold field representative at the planting site to review the checklist and to make sure everything is ready. **Notify us at least one week prior to when you would like your trees delivered.** All deliveries are subject to availability of trucks and shipping times. Depending upon the season, some delivery times can become quite impacted. We will always try our best to accommodate your schedule. Olive trees can be delivered prior to planting day, as long as your receiving area is secure and water is available.
- Managing Your Olive Tree Delivery**
When the truck arrives, please verify the varieties and quantities with the driver. Incorrect varieties or trees that have been damaged or deemed to be unacceptable in quality need to be returned within 2 days. Any extra trees need to be returned within 5 days in the same condition that they arrived.

We want your planting to be successful!

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