



Containerized Tree Delivery Checklist

☐ 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.

☐ 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.
NO RETURN POLICY.

☐ Tree Receiving Area

Prepare a secure area to unload containerized trees off the truck. Make sure large trucks and trailers will be able to access your receiving area. This area must be secure (i.e. Free of Powerlines, accessible road). Unlike our bareroot trees, containerized trees can be staged prior to your planting day. You will need to be equipped with taking delivery despite weather conditions. If weather affects your receiving site, be prepared to have an alternative location that your trees can be safely stored. IMPORTANT: You should have access to a watering hose so that you can keep the plant well hydrated. Past the point of delivery, it is the customer's responsibility to maintain optimum plant health.

☐ Scheduling Your Containerized Delivery

Several Weeks prior to your delivery, meet with your Sierra Gold Field Representative at the planting site to review the check list and 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 tree times. Depending upon the season, some delivery times can become quite impacted. Change or cancellation of your delivery may result in a delay. We will always try our best to accommodate your schedule.

☐ Unloading Your Containerized Trees

When the truck arrives, have a small crew available to help unload the trees. Typically, crews use a forklift to unload tree racks from the truck. Then, the crew unloads the bagged trees by hand. A forklift is then needed to put the racks back onto the truck unless disposable wood racks were used for your delivery. If assistance is needed operating the forklift, request this with your Field Representative and our drivers who are Certified Forklift operators can assist you. In order to maintain our delivery schedules, your containerized trees should be unloaded within 2 hours.

☐ Proper Planting Depth

One of the most important factors at planting time is to plant your containerized tree at the proper planting depth. Planting too deep and possibly burying the tree's bud union could easily lead to tree death. Try to plant your containerized tree so that the top of the Ellepots is covered with 1-3" of native soil.

☐ Post Planting – Irrigation Management

Proper irrigation management is one of the most critical steps to insure successful transplanting. Prior to roots exploring the native soil in your orchard, water must be available directly to the roots and Ellepots. Direct water emitters as close to the roots and Ellepots as possible. Frequent light watering is preferred during the first couple weeks after planting. Once roots have explored the native soil, then irrigation management can be modified.