



## ***Forestry Note:***

# ***How to Plant a Seedling by Hand***

**1. Insert planting bar or shovel at an angle, push forward and back to create a hole.**



**2. Identify root collar. (Typically there is a line which indicates the depth the seedling was planted in the nursery, this is the root collar.)**



**3. Plant seedling so that root collar is slightly below ground line. Make sure roots have adequate space and are not L or J – rooted. Roots should not be exposed.**



**4. Vertically insert planting bar or shovel. Pull bar back to firm soil at bottom of hole and push bar forward to compact soil at top.**



**5. Using your foot or hand, compact the soil around the roots leaving no air pockets.**



**6. Slightly pull seedling to ensure the soil is compacted around root system.**



**7. After seedling is planted, water in.**



***For more information or assistance with planning your planting project, consult your local forester.***

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