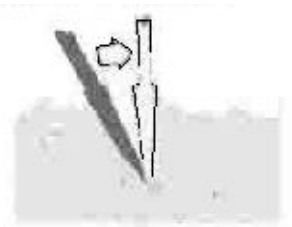


Longleaf Pine Seedling planting instructions

1. Pick a sunny, well-drained spot to plant.
2. Using a shovel, sink the blade into the ground and rock it back and forth several times to open a planting slit. Hole does not have to be deeper than the plug of the seedling.
3. Place seedling in the slit, with $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ " of the root plug exposed above the ground level.
4. Sink the shovel blade into the ground about 4" from the seedling, and rock it back and forth to tighten and close the planting slit at both the bottom and top of the hold.
5. Gently pack the soil around the seedling with the ball of your foot. The bud at the base of the needles should be above ground level and free of any loose dirt.

Water seedling only during very dry times or if needles begin to turn pale green or brown due to drought stress.

Flag or otherwise mark your seedling to protect it from lawn mowers and weed eaters. The tree will resemble a clump of grass for the first year (or even two), but will soon thereafter begin rapid height growth.



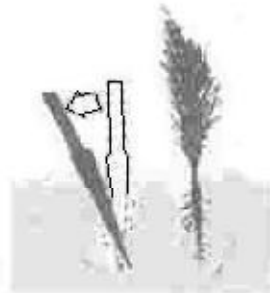
Insert the shovel at the angle shown and push forward to an upright position. Remove shovel.



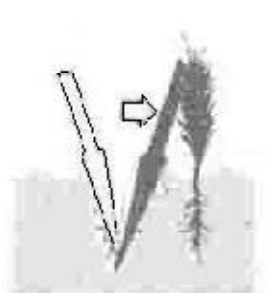
Place seedling at correct depth, roots spread down and out.



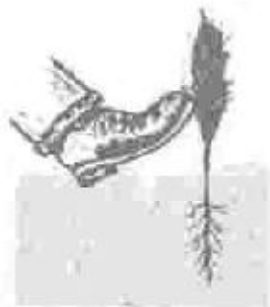
Insert the shovel about 4 inches from the seedling.



Pull handle to firm soil at bottom of the seedling's roots.



Push handle to firm soil at top of seedling's roots.



Fill in hole by pressing down with heel of shoe.



Gently firm soil around seedling.