



TRANSPLANTING TREES



Heber-Kamas Ranger District
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest
*Permit Area Located on the Heber Ranger District
as shown on attached Area Map*

Digging Your Tree

Transplant trees may be either aspen or subalpine fir - whichever is listed on your permit. Trees may be up to 6 feet in height. Please fill in each hole you leave with dirt and leaves. Please dig your trees more than 100 feet from the road. Permittee may drive a motorized vehicle up to 150 feet off of system roads shown on motor vehicle use map (MVUM) to load trees if able to do so without creating resource damage.

The cutting area will be open in the spring starting the end of April or early May depending on snowmelt until November 30th. Transplanting is best done when leaves are off or not yet on the tree. See attached map for cutting area.

In the spring: select trees that have not yet put on new green growth. In the fall: Select aspen that have lost all their leaves and subalpine fir whose buds have set (there are three reddish-brown, rounded buds on the end of each twig) and are near aspen that have lost their leaves.

For aspen seedlings, be sure to get a piece of the lateral root to which your sucker tree is attached. About 2 feet is an adequate amount. Wrap the roots in a damp piece of burlap or a sheet and keep it moist until you plant it. Dry roots can severely decrease the potential for transplant success.

Each stem above the ground, even though they may be attached to the same root, is considered one (1) tree.

For fir trees up to three feet tall, get a root wad about the size of a basketball. For larger trees, get a larger root wad. Wrap the ball in a wet sheet or burlap and keep it moist until you plant it.

Planting Your Tree

Keep your tree moist and in the shade until you are ready to plant it.

When selecting where to put your tree, be sure to consider the size the tree will be and give it plenty of room to grow. Avoid planting underneath powerlines.

Dig a hole a little larger than your root or root wad. Put compost or loose topsoil in the bottom of the hole and around the roots once the tree is in the hole. If your soil is hard and dry, consider using a spade to break up the soil around and under the planting hole.

Plant the tree so that the 'ground line' of the tree is at the same depth as it was before transplanting. Trees should be transplanted as soon as possible, preferably within 24-48 hours after digging.

Purchasing Your Permit.

You may purchase your permit at:

Heber-Kamas Ranger District Office
2460 South US Highway 40
Heber City, UT 84032
(435) 654-0470
Or
Heber-Kamas Ranger District Office
50 E. Center Street
Kamas, UT 84036
(435) 783-4338

The offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM (excluding Federal Holidays.)

The cost is \$4 per aspen or \$6 per subalpine fir with a minimum permit price of \$30.00

You may purchase between 5 and 50 trees per person per year.

Please refrain from loading off the road when wet ground conditions are such that damage may result.

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