



PHOENIX SYLVESTRIS TRANSPLANTING AND CARE GUIDELINES

The most critical period for this tree is during planting and re-establishment (the first 3 weeks after transplant). We ship trees that are fully hydrated. (We request a minimum of three days' notice prior to shipment.) Failure to maintain this hydrated condition will likely compromise the tree's success. During this 3-week re-establishment period it is impossible to over water the tree. Tall circular tree rings should be built on top of the edge of the root ball so that all irrigation water pools within the tree ring and is forced straight down into the center of the root ball during each irrigation cycle.

The following procedures should be followed:

- 1) Plant the trees ASAP.** If trees are being held for any period, stand trees upright and apply water directly on the root ball. Optimally, plant the tree upon arrival and irrigate heavily immediately following. Do not leave palm on Hot asphalt. Place on top of lawn or soil.
- 2) Water in properly** - no air pockets.
- 3) Irrigation requirements PER TRUNK** - After the 3-week re-establishment period, maintain the following watering schedule. Apply 75 to 150 gallons of water daily directly into the root ball for 4-6 weeks. If weather conditions are extreme or the planting environment is harsh, two applications per day may be required. Reduce frequency, and eventually amounts, as trees re-establish. This will take several months. Shrub bubblers and tree rings are necessary. Doubles; 150 to 300 gallons of water. Triples; 225 to 450 gallons – "DAILY".
- 4) Leave heads tied up for 10 to 14 days.**
- 5) Do not over fertilize when planting,** especially if you don't have a very slow release fertilizer. Emphasize the phosphorus component to re-establish the root system. Approximately one month after planting, apply 5 lbs. of fertilizer - use the best product available. For best results, use a blend that has slow release nitrogen, potassium and magnesium. Many "slow release" fertilizers have only a little slow release N and no slow release K or Mg. (The recommended ratio of these nutrients is 2 to 1 to 3 to 1, N P K & Mg, respectively.) Other secondary and tertiary nutrients should be included in the blend.
- 6) Do not spray herbicides** around or near the base of the tree. (Example, Round-Up-Glyphosate)
- 7) All Phoenix sylvestris** have been inoculated with oxy tetracycline to prevent continction of the phytoplasma disease. All palms should be inoculate every 3 months on the job site. Becker does not warranty its product.

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