

Landscape and Plant Warranty

Michigan Timber Shack would like to thank you for choosing us as your preferred landscape source. The installed or purchased plant material is accompanied by a 1-year limited warranty as follows:

Limited Warranty: Your landscape is accompanied by a 1-year limited warranty on plants installed by MTS if maintained per the standards below. Plants purchased at MTS and installed by another individual or entity other than MTS come with a 1-year limited warranty at a 50% replacement cost if installed and maintained per the standards below.

Newly installed landscape plants will suffer transplant shock, particularly during the hot summer. Proper care is imperative to minimize stress. Upon installation or purchase, the owner is responsible for supplying the plant with sufficient water and fertilizer (as needed) during its growing season (May to October) to keep it healthy (see watering guidelines below).

MTS assumes no liability for the replacement of plants that have died from underwatering, overwatering, killed or damaged by pests, insect infestation, abnormal weather conditions, acts of god, or other conditions beyond our control, nor will we replace plants experiencing "seasonal die-back," when pruning and proper care will restore them to health. MTS cannot be guaranteed against weed growth in mulch or topsoil beds due to the germination of dormant seeds prevalent in the soil. Plants that are not mulched and do not have drip irrigation will not be covered under warranty.

This warranty shall be void and will not apply to any plants initially installed by MTS and are subsequently repaired, adjusted, moved, or modified by an individual or entity other than MTS.

MTS will make warranty replacements during the optimum planting seasons: spring and fall. Typically, replacements will occur between May 1st and June 30th, with a later date between September 1st and November 15th. Trees and shrubs are warranted for one year from the date of installation or purchase and will be replaced once within the warranty period. This warranty does not cover additional labor costs for replacement trees.

There is no warranty on wholesale-priced plants nor plants sold on sale or at discounted rates.

Required Plant Installation Techniques and Maintenance

Make sure you know what conditions your plant needs to thrive. Our plants are kept in optimal conditions while at the nursery. It is up to you to choose one right for your landscape. Always feel free to ask for advice!

Install your new plant correctly: Dig a hole as deep as the plant's root ball and twice as wide. The crown of the plant (where the roots and trunk meet) should be slightly above the soil surface. In clay soil, it is essential to plant higher and mound the tree to help with proper drainage. Roots that sit in standing water for long periods will rot.

If roots circulate tightly in the pot, tease them by hand or cut them in a few places if necessary. Plant the entire pot into the hole if you are planting a fiber pot. Once it has been set, you can peel the crown of the pot back, expose some of the rootball, and puncture the sides of the pot with a shovel.

Loosen any burlap tied around the crown or trunk of the tree and tuck it into the hole. Do not remove the burlap! This holds the rootball together. Be sure not to break the rootball while planting. Use the native soil to backfill the hole. If your soil is poor, mix amendments with the native soil. Amendments for clay soil include gypsum, manure, compost, and peat moss. For sandy soil, use peat moss and organic matter.

Firm the soil around the rootball. Mulch the area using a 2-3" layer of mulch. Do not use fresh woodchips. Be careful not to mound soil or mulch around the trunk. You may now fertilize using our preferred formula, Bio-Tone Starter Plus. Stake your plant if necessary. Remove any stakes after a minimum of 6 months.

Water, Water, Water! Your new plantings must be watered every day for the first two weeks and then approximately three times per week thereafter. Water more often and thoroughly during the summer. You aim to maintain a cool, evenly moist soil for the roots. Watering with typical lawn irrigation systems will not supply the tree with enough water. IF YOU FAIL TO WATER YOUR PLANTS, THEY WILL DIE. A PLANT THAT HAS DIED DUE TO DROUGHT IS NOT COVERED UNDER OUR WARRANTY.

In the heat of summer, you will have to water daily. Don't forget to keep watering during fall! You can stop watering once the weather is consistently below 40 F. Driplines, and a timer system may be used to save time and money. **However, you must ensure that sufficient water penetrates the rootball of each plant.** Water should pool up at the base of the plant when the soil has been adequately saturated. Water is not only under the plant's drip line but also several feet out from this. Otherwise, dry soil will wick away moisture from roots. Following the watering guidelines, begin watering again in the spring when the new foliage appears. Monitor the plants after the first 3 weeks and apply additional water as necessary. It is best to water early in the morning or later in the evening to prevent evaporation.

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of this warranty and plant maintenance.

Signature: _____ Date: _____