HOW TO PLANT A TREE: STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

1. Dig a hole of around 40cm deep and 30cm wide.
  - This is essential as the roots of the tree will grow easier if the soil underneath is uncompacted.
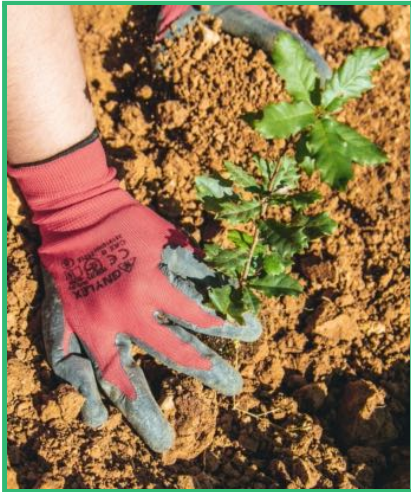
2. Take most of the soil removed from the hole and put it back. Make sure there are no big stones in the hole. Its presence will hinder root growth and leave air spaces that can damage the roots.

3. Put the plant in the middle of the hole and cover it with soil, making sure that all the roots (darker soil) are completely covered and that the tree stands straight.
  - Make sure you place the tree at the same height of the surrounding soil or slightly lower, not too deep nor too high.

4. Press the soil around the plant to make sure that no air is in contact with the roots.

5. Checkpoint: pull the tree by holding it by
the lower part of the stem, not too strong, upwards.
  - If the tree moves, un-plant and plant it again, making sure you put enough soil and you press it stronger.
  - If it does not move the tree is correctly planted!

6. Once the tree is planted, place a protector around
it while making sure, with the help of suitable support, it stays straight.
  - Place the holey part upwards. This will help the correct tree ventilation.
  - Make sure that the tree does not remain inside the cable tie when you pull it to secure the stick. That can damage the tree and wouldn't let it grow up correctly.
  - Alternative: place some rocks around the tree to favour water retention and provide shade.
  - Also, if there is some extra soil, you can build a small 'wall' to help water/rain retention.

7. Put the remaining soil back and add a
layer of mulch around your tree.
  - You can use leaves and/or grasses and place them around your tree as mulch.

8. Congrats! You planted and protected your tree!

  - Your tree is now ready to be tagged with the Life Terra App.
  - Also, if using a protector, remember to remove it once the tree is big enough.