

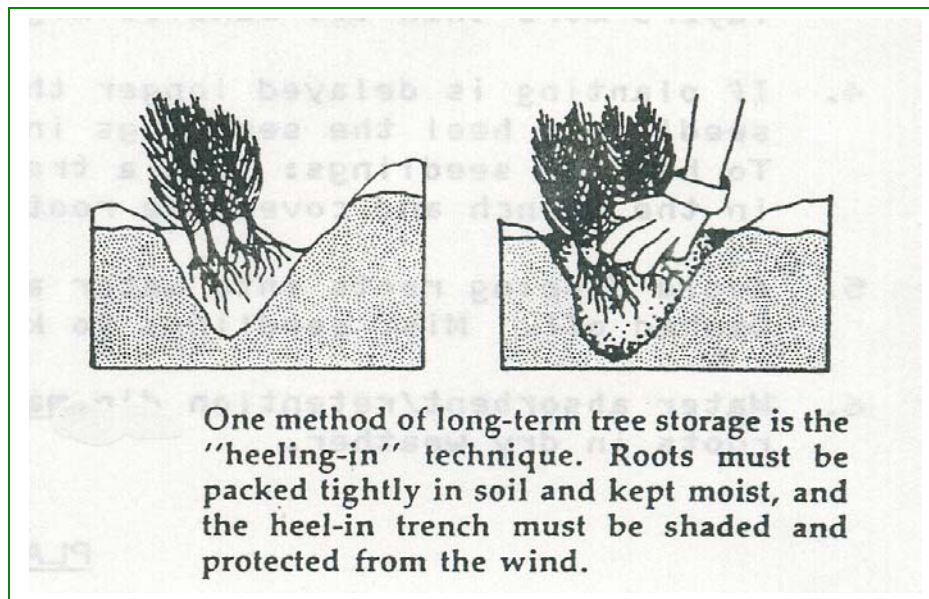
# Caring For Planting Stock

Improper care of planting stock upon receipt often contributes to poor survival and growth of seedlings. Planting success is obtained when the seedlings or transplants are planted as soon as possible. If planting is delayed, steps should be taken to keep plants cool and moist.

If you must delay planting please follow these suggestions for storing bundles:

- On the north side of a large structure, or
- Under dense groves of conifers, or
- In shaded snow banks, or
- In root cellars or other cool, moist location, and
- Allow for good air circulation between bundles,
- Spray bundles with water in the temperature rises above 40 degrees.

If circumstances keep you from planting within one week, we recommend “heeling-in” your seedlings.



## At the planting site:

Place bundles in a shady location. Open only one bundle at any one time. Close the bundle after the trees have been removed. Never sit or place heavy objects on bundles. Carefully separate the seedlings or transplants. Minimize the number of stripped or broken roots. Prune roots to an 8” length. In general, the depth of the planting hole and the length of the roots should be the same. Keep roots moist & protected from the sun and the wind. Soaking tree roots in water before planting is **NOT** recommended. This removes protective soil particles from the roots making them more susceptible to drying. Use the wet shredded paper from the bundle (or other similar material) to keep roots moist.