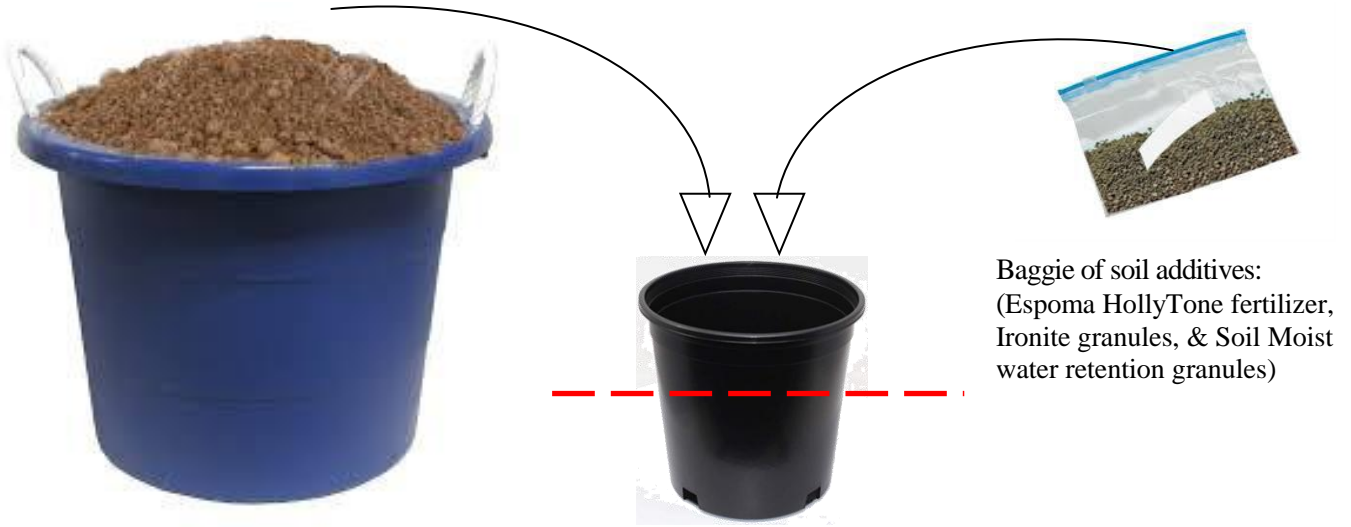


# Sapling Potting – Illustrated

(companion to “Potting Hemlock Saplings”)

1. **Prefill pot half** way with prepared planting soil mix and baggie of soil additives. Mix well.



Tub of prepared soil mix:  
2/3 native soil + 1/3 soil amendments  
(top soil, compost / humus, Mr. Natural  
Woodland Soil Mix, Worm Castings)

First put soil mix in pot to 1/3 to 1/2 full;  
then stir in baggie of additives.

2. **Place bamboo stake** (6” taller than sapling) in center of pre-filled planting pot.



3. Carefully **remove sapling and root ball from bag** and place in pot with stem next to stake.
4. **Spread roots** on top of soil.



5. **Add enough planting soil mix to just cover roots** and press down firmly to remove air pockets. Be sure no roots are sticking up above the soil.

6. **Secure the stem to the stake** with a short piece of Velcro tape. Tape should be placed about 2/3 of the way up the stem and wrapped *loosely* enough to insert a finger in the loop.



7. **Water gently with 8 ounces of initial watering solution** per 1-gallon container. If this causes any roots to become exposed, add more planting mix to just cover them and press down again.



Initial watering mix:  
(water, Quick Start,  
Bayer Advanced  
Tree & Shrub)

8. **Place potted saplings in shade.**

9. An hour later, **press dirt down gently again.**

