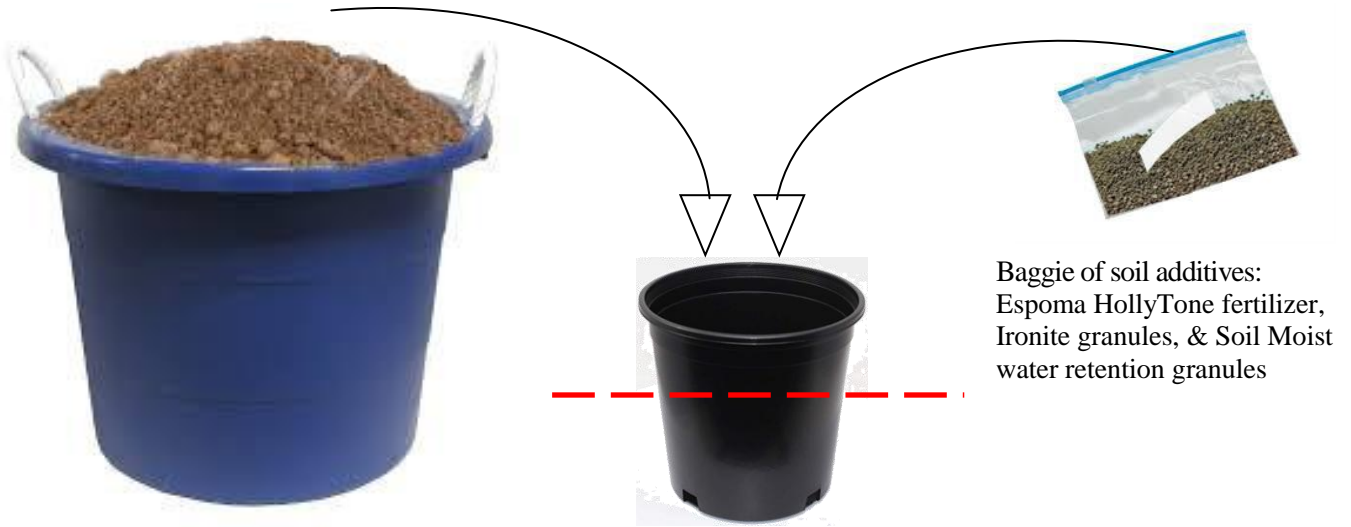


Sapling Potting - Illustrated

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, and Worm Castings)

First put soil mix in pot to half way full;
then stir in baggie of additives.

Baggie of soil additives:
Espoma HollyTone fertilizer,
Ironite granules, & Soil Moist
water retention granules

2. **Place bamboo stake** (24" or taller) 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 3” 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:
including root
stimulator and
HWA protection

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

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

