

Volunteer Instructions – Hemlock Seedling Potting in Newspaper Cups

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING to participate in this educational event to pot hemlock seedlings in biodegradable newspaper cups. The potting involves use of a special amendment mix to enhance the soil structure and nutritional content, a moisture retention product to help drought-proof the little trees, and a special initial watering mix containing root stimulator and 5-year HWA protection.

During the activity, explain to the students what’s happening to the hemlocks, how to recognize the problem, why it’s important to address it, and what they (as kids) can do to help.

1. Have participants make newspaper cups, write their name on a quart-size baggie, and insert the newspaper cup into the baggie.
2. Fill the newspaper pot 1/2 full with the dirt mixture.
3. Place the seedling in the pot, making sure all the roots are against the dirt.
4. Sprinkle a tiny pinch of soil additives mix onto the roots.
5. Add another inch of the dirt mixture on top of the roots and press down firmly with your fingers.
6. Add a small amount (1/4 cup) of the watering mix. If this causes the roots to become uncovered, add a little more dirt and press down.
7. Give each student a set of handouts and explain how/where to plant their seedling.



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