

## THE TREE O'CLOCK GUIDE TO TREE PLANTING

REMEMBER – TO HELP US BREAK THE GUINNESS WORLD RECORD FOR MOST TREES PLANTED IN ONE HOUR, YOU MUST PLANT YOUR TREE BETWEEN 11AM-12NOON ON SATURDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2009.

Here's how to do it:

1. Make sure you have chosen the right native tree for your site – for more information on how to choose your tree, see [bbc.co.uk/treeoclock](http://bbc.co.uk/treeoclock).
2. Choosing the right size tree for your site is also important. Even smaller trees and hedges can provide a home for a wide range of animals and insects. Holly, Hawthorn and Hazel are a few examples. Even if you have lots of space, remember to avoid planting large trees within 10-15 metres of buildings.
3. Make sure your digital camera battery is charged and the time and date setting is accurate.
4. Set your alarm for **Saturday 5 December, 11am**.
5. Dig a hole big enough for the roots of your tree to fit in easily. If you can, use some rotted compost or manure at the bottom of the planting hole.
6. Place your tree in the hole and ensure that the top of the rootball is level with the surrounding soil level.
7. Hold your tree straight and replace the soil over and around the roots – then firm it lightly with your foot.
8. Water well if the ground is dry and then apply mulch around the base of the tree. It may help if you can stake your tree until it has formed strong new roots. You might also want to put a guard around it to keep away small animals.
9. Take a picture of yourself planting your tree and email it to [breathingplacetreestrees@bbc.co.uk](mailto:breathingplacetreestrees@bbc.co.uk), stating clearly which type of native tree it is and giving your full postal address. All photos must be received by **noon on Friday 11 December 2009**.
10. Give it some "TreeLC" – trees are for life, not just for Tree O'Clock, so make sure that you give your new air-generator some care and attention over the next year. It can take time for trees to grow, so give it time to establish itself. You will need to water it when the weather is dry. To find out more about tree care visit [bbc.co.uk/treeoclock](http://bbc.co.uk/treeoclock).

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