

# 7 Gallon Replacement

## Recommended Care and Maintenance

### Irrigation (Watering)

- Water daily for the first 30 days
- Water every other day for the next 2 to 3 weeks
- Water 2 to 3 times per week after that as needed
- Water slowly and thoroughly to soak the root ball and surrounding soil
- Use the dirt ring around the tree to help hold water over the root ball
- Adjust based on rainfall and soil conditions
- Do not keep the soil constantly soggy

### Planting and Soil

- Plant level with the surrounding soil
- Do not bury the trunk
- A small dirt ring is built around the tree at planting to help direct water to the roots
- Keep this ring in place for the first 3 to 4 weeks during establishment
- Once the tree is established, the ring can be smoothed out if desired
- Make sure the hole drains well
- Avoid standing water around the roots
- In sandy soil, little to no amendment is needed
- In heavier soils, improving drainage may help

### Fertilization

- Wait 8 weeks after planting before fertilizing
- Use a slow release, balanced fertilizer for trees or palms
- Follow label instructions
- Do not over fertilize

### Pruning

- Remove only dead or damaged branches
- Avoid heavy trimming during establishment
- Keep healthy green growth in place

### General Care Tips

- Apply 2 to 3 inches of mulch to retain moisture
- Keep mulch a few inches away from the trunk
- Watch for signs of stress like wilting or yellowing leaves
- Most trees establish in 2 to 3 months

### Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Planting too deep
- Overwatering
- Poor drainage
- Fertilizing too soon
- Removing too much healthy growth

### What to Expect

- Some initial stress is normal after planting
- New growth should appear within several weeks with proper care