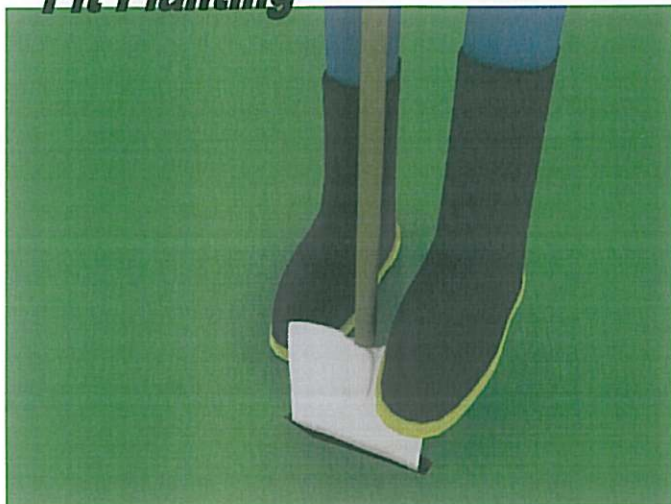
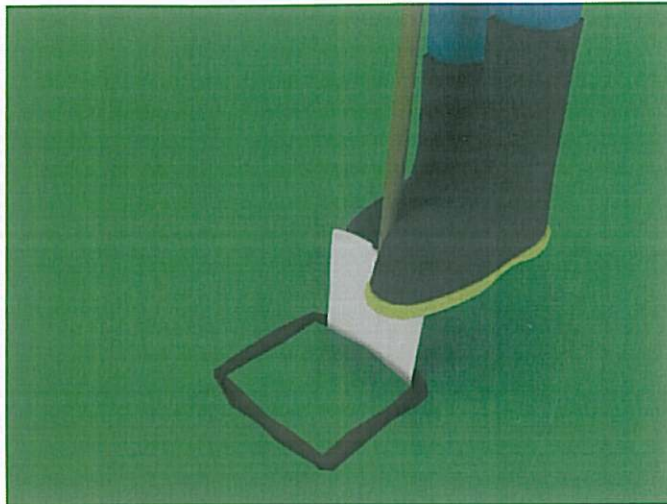


Pit Planting



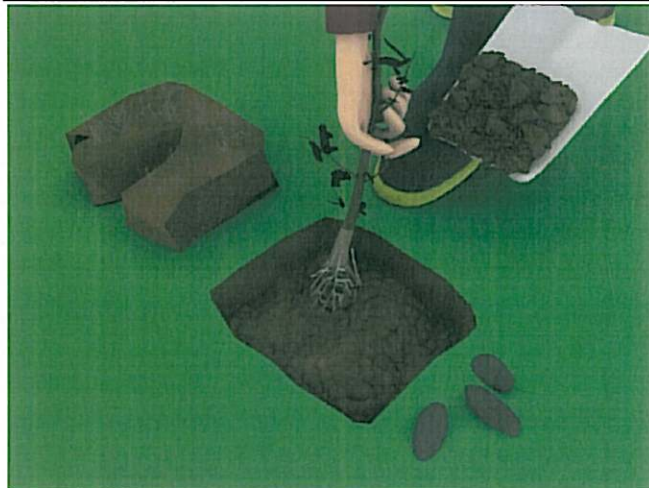
The 1st cut is made with the blade of the spade facing the planter, who may have to move around in order to apply foot pressure to the spade, so that it enters the ground to a depth of 15cm (6").



Repeat 3 more times, making each cut (width of spade) at a right angle to form a square. Having made the 4th cut, turn the sod out leaving behind a pit (depth 6-8cm).



Make a slit in the upturned sod, soften the soil in the pit to a depth of 8-10cm (3-4") removing any stones.



Hold a spade-full of the loosened earth in one hand and with the other place the plants roots (spread out if possible) in the pit deeper than required.



Tip the spade-full of earth over the roots to hold the plant in an upright position.



Slide the upturned sod back into the pit, the slit will allow the tree to be supported on all sides. Before firming, positively pull the tree upwards to the correct depth (denoted by colour change on stem above root collar). See image 4.

Slit Planting



Make a 1st cut with the spade (same as for pit planting) to a depth of 15cm (6"). The 2nd cut is made, again at a right angle to the 1st (cut) at the end furthest from the planter.



The spade handle is pulled towards the planter, creating a triangular space (hole).



The plant is inserted into this (triangular) space, behind the spade, deeper than required. Note: correct planting dept denoted by colour change above root collar.



Remove the spade, pull the plant up to the correct planting depth and while still holding the plant in an upright position firm the soil (loosened wedge) with the sole of the foot.