

SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE RECEPTION, STORAGE AND AND PLANTING OF AGRI-TRUFFE / INRA PLANTS

1) Reception of the plants: as soon as the plants are delivered, we recommend that you:

- a) remove the plants from their transport packaging
- b) check the contents and the condition of the plants in each box
- c) repack them standing up in boxes raised above the soil
- d) check how damp the soil in the pots is, and water if necessary

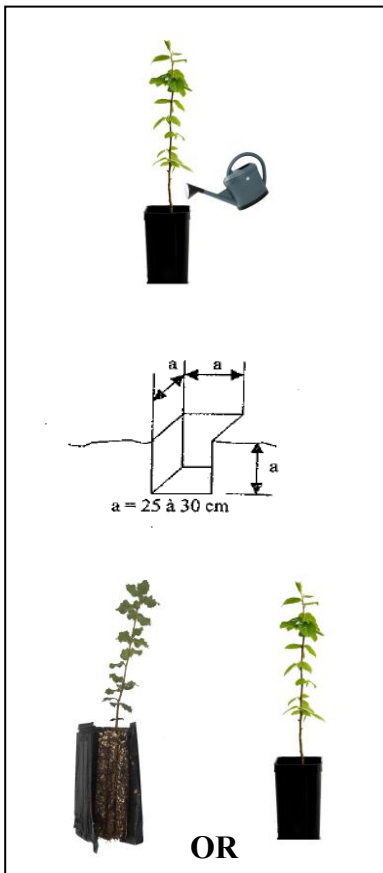
2) Storage of the plants: the plants should be stored in a dry place:

- a) avoid damp cellars
- b) sheltered from frost (minimum temperature +5 °C)
- c) at a maximum temperature of +15 °C in order to avoid regrowth in winter
- d) well-lit because green oaks do not stop growing in winter
- e) easy to access so that plants may be watered
- f) rodent-proof

3) Planting:

YOU ARE GOING TO PLANT YOUR PLANTS MYCORRHIZED WITH TRUFFLES. THIS OPERATION IS CRUCIAL: POOR PLANTING WILL RESULT IN A POOR TRUFFLE TREE. GOOD PLANTING GUARANTEES A GOOD RESULT. THE WHOLE FUTURE LIFE OF THE TREE DEPENDS ON THE QUALITY OF THE PLANTING, SO PROCEED WITH CARE.

You have chosen an area of ground suitable for truffle culture and have prepared it carefully (analysis, cultivation conditions, changes, etc)



Important: do not plant in frozen or badly dried soil.

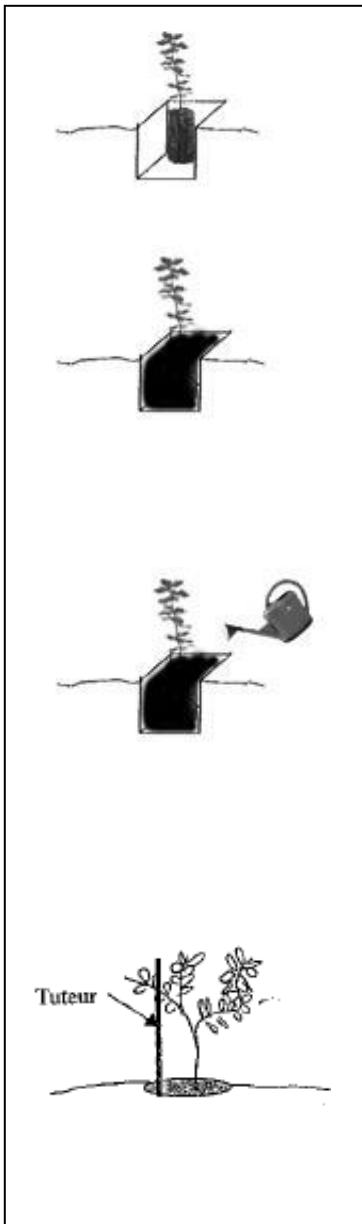
Preparation of the plants

In order for the substrate to slide more easily when removing from the pot, you must water the plants well and leave them to soak for a few minutes in a plant holder filled with water to half the height of the pots.

Planting

- 1) Prepare cube-shaped holes 25-30cm wide and deep.
- 2) With your hands, press down on the pot and root ball so that the substrate does not crumble away from the roots.
- 3) **For stapled pots:** open the pot by unfastening it from top to bottom in order to free the root ball.

For stiff pots: pull gently the plant upwards to keep the clod intact.



4) Carefully hold the root ball and position it at the bottom of the hole.

5) Fill the hole with fine earth around the root ball and up to its top. Tamp it down well with both hands and finish filling in the hole **so that the ring of the plant is buried 7-8cm below the surface of the soil.**

Careful! Do not add compost or peat; only the soil already in place should be used.

6) Water (2-3 litres per plant).

Careful! In periods of heavy frost, defer watering until spring.

7) Bank up the plants generously while leaving a little basin a few centimetres deep, 15cm from the plant, to catch rainwater.

After watering, ensure the plants are banked up.

8) Place a support at least 10cm from the ring of the plant. The support should ideally be a steel rebar 6mm in diameter.

9) Place the net or protection tube around the plant.

