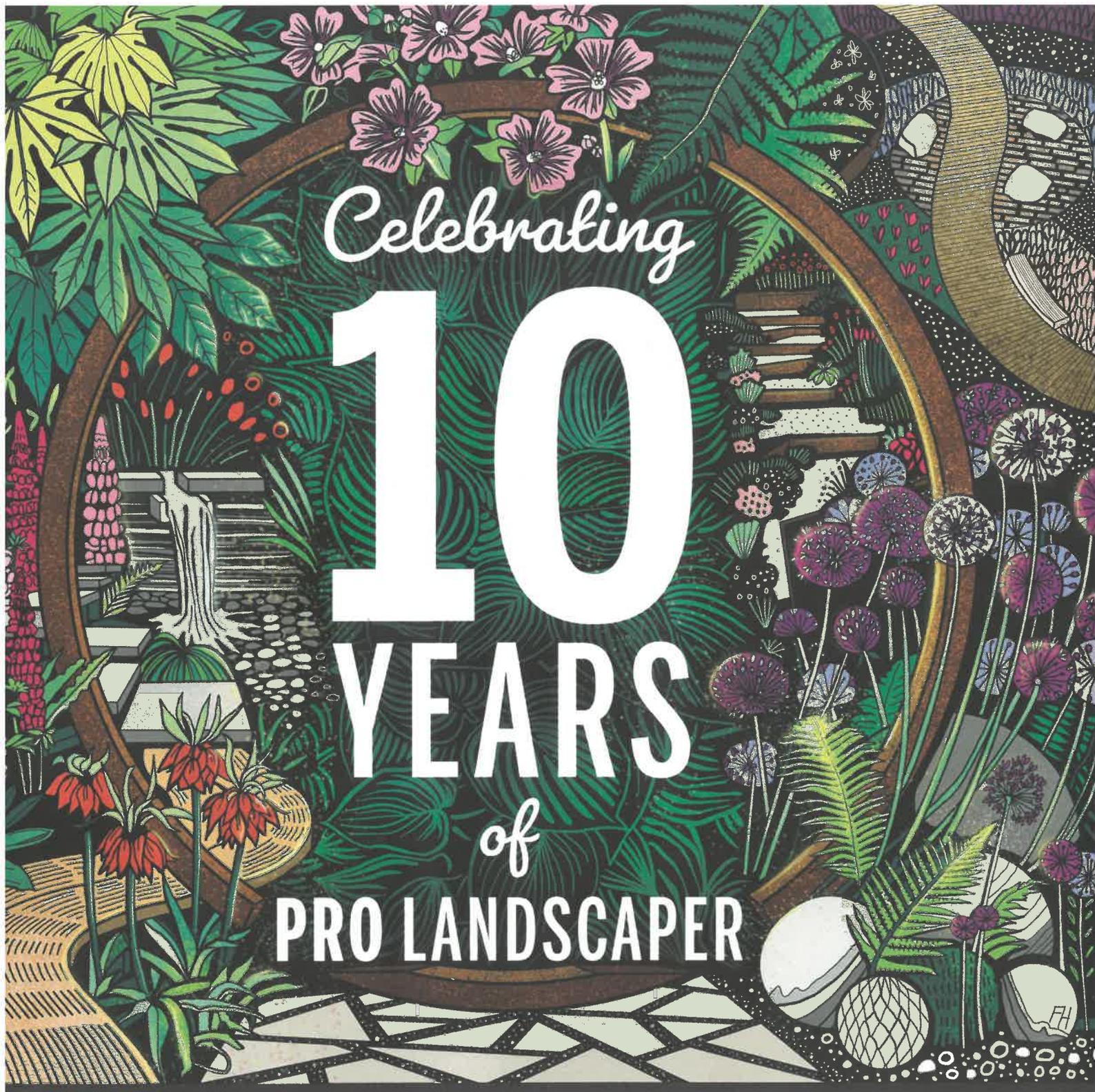


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TIPS ON TREE PLANTING

NEED ADVICE ON **PLANTING LARGE TREES?** LOOK NO FURTHER. WE'VE GOT EXPERT GUIDANCE TO AVOID COMMON PITFALLS AND THE PRODUCTS TO CONSIDER

TOP TIPS

TOM WILLIAMS MAYDENCROFT



The biggest parts to look out for when planting large trees are:

- **Unloading.** It can often be very difficult pulling a jigsaw of large trees from the back of the lorry. If in an enclosed lorry, a conventional rootball lifter can't be used either. We often find that an out turned excavator bucket does a fantastic job and is often better at scooping them out and causes less ground damage if a loader isn't available on site with pallet forks.
- **Handle rootballs with care.** If they are dropped, then they lose structure and are impossible to tie down underground and once unloaded, get them planted as soon as possible.
- **Bark rub.** So easy to do when using a rootball lifter. Have plenty of hessian sacks to hand to protect the stem.
- **Don't take the mesh off the rootball.** It's designed to rust away in no time and the structure of the rootball must be retained.
- **Make their bed.** Sit them on a bed of sand, not a bed of topsoil. Trees don't expect to have topsoil under them and it will compact and stop drainage.
- **Don't plant too low.** You've got to see the base of the tree when finished.
- **Backfill.** There's no point spending all that money on large trees and then squidding a load of site dig out round them as backfill. If you haven't got screened topsoil from the site, bring some BS standard in for putting round the trees after.



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Working away in Wales recently reminded us more than ever how essential preparation is. And if you can get a recce in, then great. Make sure you have the right tools, anchors and planting mediums, as well as a great team for the job, as you'll

want to get your trees planted as soon as possible after delivery. To avoid damage to the existing landscape, we always make an accurate access plan for the site, so everyone from the site foreman to the delivery drivers know exactly where to go – nothing worse than having to unload a few miles down the road at the last minute!

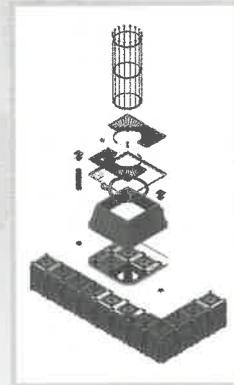


Always consider planting trees as a time game, which can sometimes feel unnecessarily stressful; but with a great team and taking time to position each individual tree perfectly, you can master both, with a tree that has a wonderful new home and a happy client too.

P.S. Don't forget to water, no matter how much rain you've had!

PRODUCTS

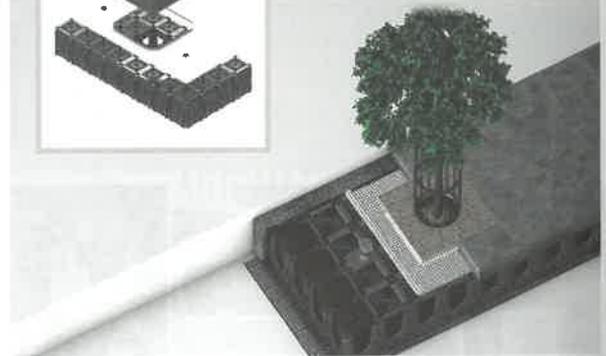
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